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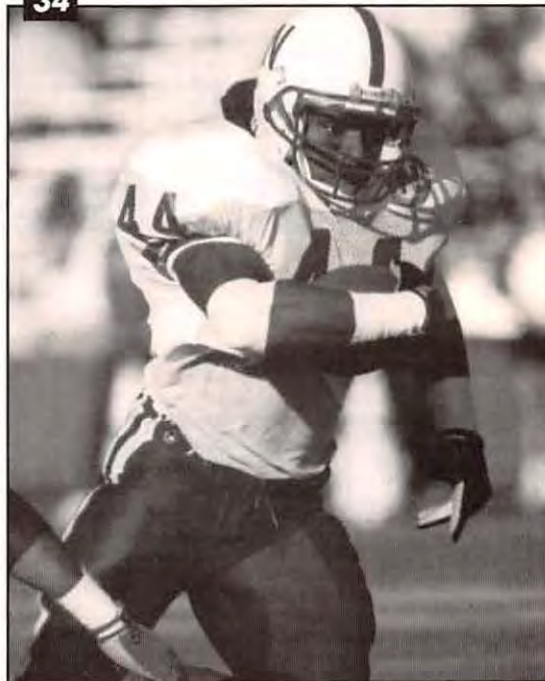
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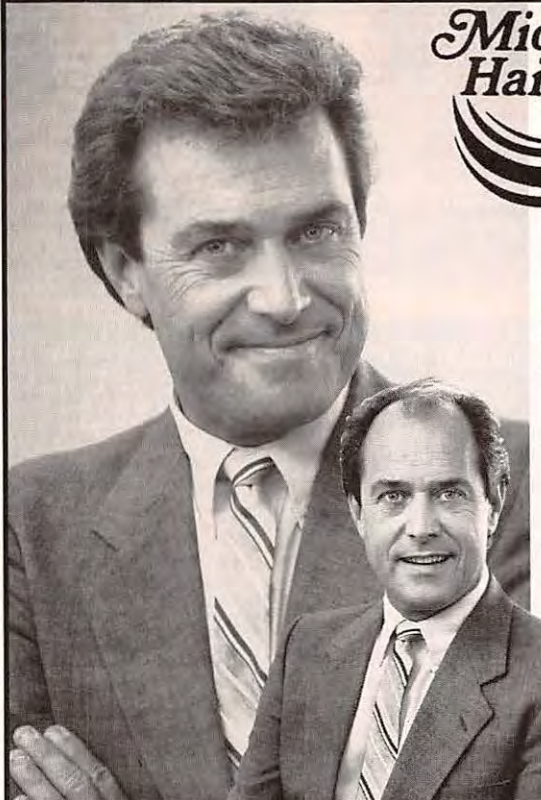


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**LETTERS**



I for one don't see any problem with letting Lawrence Phillips back on the team. If that will help him, I think it was a good decision.

I don't live in the state so I don't know all the details. But I don't believe that kicking him out of football was the right answer. That is not going to help him. Obviously, coach Tom Osborne is wanting to help Lawrence or he wouldn't be back on the team. I can't believe people think that the reason he was allowed to return was to win games.

I remember when Deion Sanders was playing for Florida State and he allegedly assaulted a female sales clerk. That incident was swept under the rug and he ended up playing in the Sugar Bowl.

Osborne took action against Phillips to help him. He has already lost the Heisman Trophy with his actions. So hopefully Phillips will come out of this a better person.

I commend Osborne on not giving up on troubled players and the way he handled this situation.

Todd Musich  
Orlando, Fla.

I realize the last reception and touchdown made in the Arizona State game is a sense of embarrassment to the coaching staff and Nebraska, but I would think a sports writer, who is unbiased, would know what a feeling of pride and joy was felt by No. 14's (Lance Brown) family and friends. I don't think it can be completely eliminated from the stats column forever. So I hope you will soon realize it and correct your error of the last four weeks. Thank you.

Valerie Brandt

*I'm not sure that Lance's score was a "sense of embarrassment," and it was included in the Sept. 16, 1995 receiving list (Sept. 23 issue, page 23). We have since added Brown to the season stats.*  
— Editor

I just recently received my first issue of *Huskies Illustrated* and



being a huge Husker fan out of Nebraska and being in the Navy stationed in San Diego, it sure is nice to finally get the coverage that I hunger for during the football season.

I just wanted to say thanks and wish the Cornhuskers the best in 1995 and in 1996 during the Fiesta Bowl.

Tony Goszulak  
San Diego, Calif.

It's good to see you guys are finally putting players other than quarterbacks and I-backs on the cover. I know they are usually around the ball more, but we love seeing receivers and defensive players. How about a kicker? Just kidding. I put the covers on the wall so I need to mix it up. Somebody is going to think I have a thing for Tommie Frazier and Lawrence Phillips.

Paul Blanks  
Omaha, Neb.

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- 1: What was the most surprising loss by a Bob Devaney coached Nebraska team?
- 2: Which Husker quarterback attempted the most passes in one game?
- 3: When Mike Rozier broke the NCAA record for most rushing yards gained in four consecutive games, whose record did he break?
- 4: Name the player who set the record for most touchdown receptions in one game by a split end.
- 5: Which Husker was named Big Eight Freshman of the Year in 1992.

# Husker Trivia

## Answers to last week's questions (Nov. 11 issue)

1: Osborne earned his doctorate in educational psychology and for several years taught courses in that subject in addition to his duties as an assistant coach. 2: Jerry Tagge had held the previous pass completion record with 348 completions during his career from 1969-71. 3: Bobby Reynolds scored an average of 17.4 points per game (157 in nine games). That remarkable record was secure until the great Barry Sanders from Oklahoma State broke it in 1988. 4: Jim McFarland, after a successful pro career with the St. Louis Cardinals and the Miami Dolphins, was appointed to the Nebraska Legislature in 1986. 5: Gregg Barrios converted 127 of 129 extra points and 26 of 35 field goals for 205 points during his career at Nebraska which ended in 1990.

One request we always get is for a Nebraska trivia section to be added to Huskers Illustrated. Well, the wait is over. Starting with this issue, each week we'll provide five questions from Lowell Greunke's trivia book "Husker Trivia." You'll have a week to mull over the answer before we print the answers. If you'd like a copy of "Husker Trivia," send a check for \$13.95 to: Husker Trivia, P.O. Box 44142, Omaha, NE, 68144

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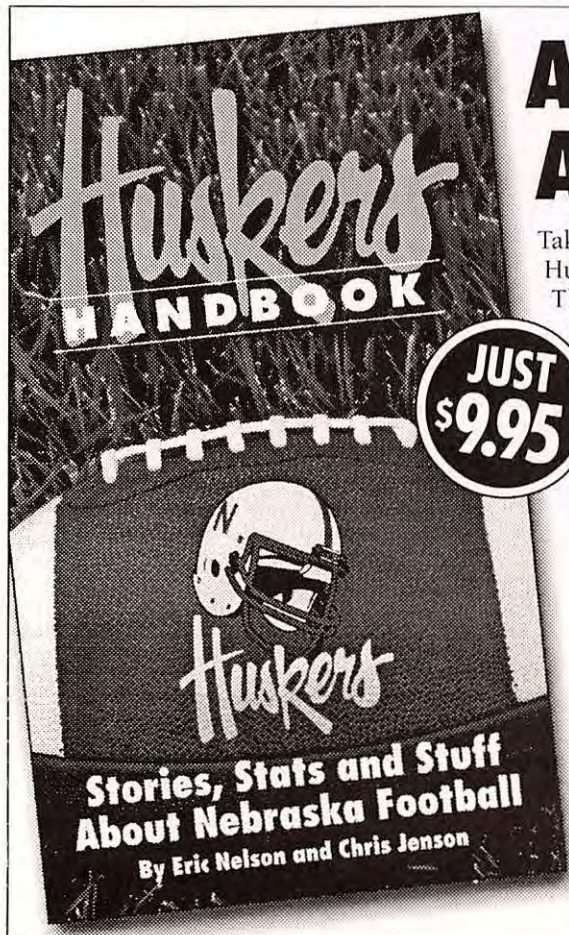
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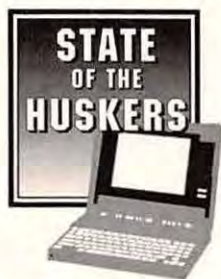
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# The Ultimate Commitment

*Nebraska's continued excellence weighs heavily on those, such as Steve Volin, who are willing to contribute in whatever manner or cost*

**By MIKE BABCOCK**

**S**ome of the details have faded from memory. But Bill Shepard, the grounds manager, pushed the snow from Memorial Stadium's artificial turf with a plow attached to a tractor during halftime of the Nebraska-Kansas State football game.

"I remember that distinctly," Steve Volin said recently.

Volin was 13 years old at the time. His dad brought him and his brother Ron to the game. The date was Nov. 1, 1986. Nebraska won 38-0.

It was a big deal. "Not a lot of kids got to go to Nebraska football games," Volin said.

His dad regularly got Cornhusker football tickets through the bank at which he worked in Wahoo, Neb., and occasionally, he would take his sons to the games, said Volin.

Among his earliest recollections of a Nebraska football game was in 1984, when Oklahoma came to Lincoln and scored 10 fourth-quarter points to win 17-7. "I remember bits and pieces," he said.

Doubtless, those bits and pieces, when assembled, help explain Volin's commitment to the Nebraska football program. He walked on five years ago. And even though his playing time has been limited during the course of his career, the senior offensive guard wouldn't trade the experience.

"I grew up 30 miles from here," Volin said. "There was nothing else but Nebraska football."

Volin's attitude is characteristic of those who walk on. It is as much an element of the "strength of Nebraska" as the more literal qualities shaped in the Cornhuskers' strength and conditioning complex.

Nebraska's sustained excellence depends on those such as Volin, who are willing to contribute in whatever manner, at whatever cost.

"My goal when I came here was to earn a scholarship," he said. With the NCAA-mandated cutbacks, however, "I was never able to get one." He has paid his own way.

Volin speaks without so much as a hint of bitterness. He has represented the program well during his five years. His cumulative grade-point average is 3.860, out of a possible 4.0, with a biological sciences major. He is a member of the Mortar Board society. And he has participated in Tom Osborne's Teammates Program for three years.

The program provides emotional and financial assistance for the education of at-risk youngsters. Osborne

up" to him, which is understandable, said Volin.

Volin follows through on his commitments. That's why he has never considered giving up, even though this season has been the first in which he has gotten much opportunity to play.

"There's a lot more good than bad that's happened to me here," he said.

Volin brought a positive self-image with him to Nebraska. He was an all-state football lineman at Wahoo High School, and he started for a basketball program there that won four consecutive Class B state championships and a state-record 90 consecutive games.

He and Jason Glock, a fifth-year senior on the Cornhusker basketball team, were high school teammates and have remained friends at Nebraska. They were roommates as freshmen.

Volin has drawn the necessary emotional support from his family. And he was well-prepared for what he found when he got to Nebraska. Mike Tranmer, a former walk-on who was a Cornhusker co-captain in 1983, served as an assistant coach at Wahoo High when Volin played there. "He really helped me," said Volin. "All the coaches at Wahoo did."

No one can provide the commitment required to succeed in a football program such as Nebraska's, however. That has to come from within.

"I guess I never felt I was blessed with the athletic ability of other guys here," Volin said. "But I've worked hard, and I've been lucky."

The first part of that is accurate. The last is not. Luck has little to do with it. What all of the Cornhusker seniors, scholarship and walk-on alike, have accomplished on their own is worth applauding when they are introduced for the final time at Memorial Stadium. ■



Bob Berry

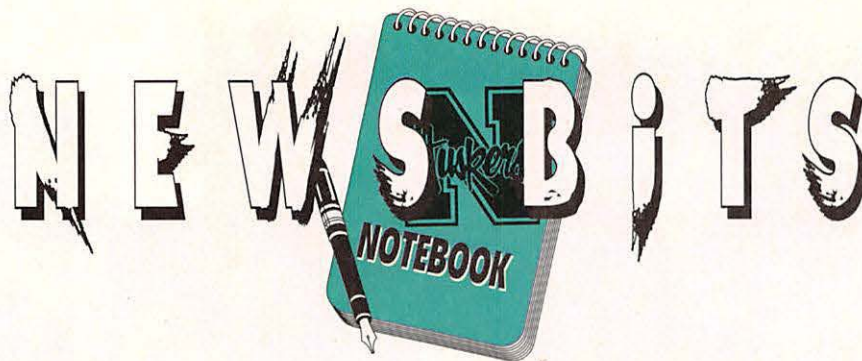
**Volin has stuck it out at Nebraska despite seeing very limited playing time.**

has set up a fund to meet their financial needs. University student-athletes such as Volin contribute their time to the emotional support by befriending the youngsters.

His pal is Matt, and "he's on-line to graduate (high school) in May," Volin said. After that, "I know he plans to come to the university."

Matt "took a little time to warm





# STRONG ARMED

Even though 10 years have passed since Turner Gill passed for a living (He played two seasons for Montreal of the Canadian Football League.), the Nebraska quarterbacks coach can still throw a wicked pass.

"You don't want to play 'pass' with him," receivers coach Ron Brown said.

Gill, who ranks third on the Cornhusker career passing list, hasn't lost the touch with which he completed 231 of 428 passes for 3,317 yards and 34 touchdowns in three seasons. He was intercepted only 11 times.

Tommie Frazier and Brook Berringer both have strong arms. But Brown said they don't throw with as much velocity as Gill or former Cornhusker quarterback Steve Taylor, who "threw about as hard as any" during Brown's nine seasons at Nebraska.

Gerry Gdowski was at the opposite end of the passing continuum, Brown said. "Gerry never threw the ball hard. He threw a 'feather' ball, very accurate, easy to catch."

As a senior in 1989, his only season as the regular quarter-

back, Gdowski completed 71 of 136 passes for 1,326 yards and 19 touchdowns — with only two interceptions. His NCAA pass rating of 177.3 is far and away the best in Nebraska history.

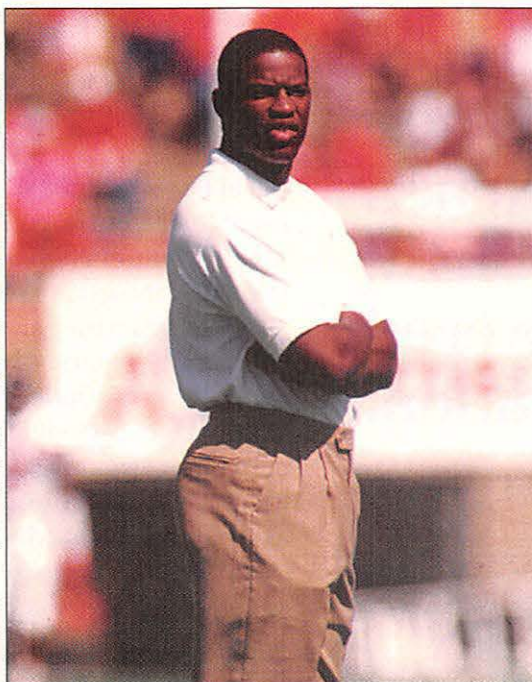
Gdowski, who threw 10 passes as a sophomore and junior, "was one of the most improved throwers we've ever had here," Brown said.

The strongest arm belonged to tight end Johnny Mitchell, who played quarterback briefly in high school. He could throw a football 80 yards right-handed, Brown said, adding that Mitchell was ambidextrous and could pass 60 yards left-handed.

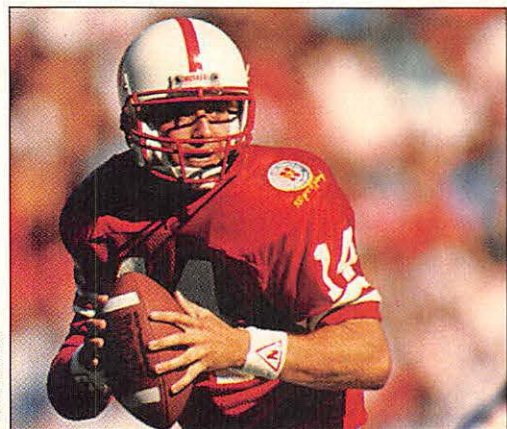
Former Cornhusker defensive tackle Kenny Walker could throw a football about 80 yards, too, Brown said, but not with either hand.

Junior offensive tackle Adam Treu is among Nebraska's current non-quarterbacks with a strong arm. "Adam can throw it a mile," Brown said.

But don't look for Treu to line up behind center anytime soon. Accuracy is also important. ■



Bob Berry

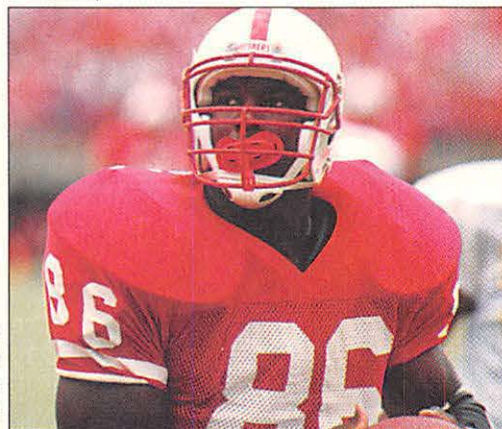


William Lauer

**Turner Gill may still be the king of the strong-armed throwers.**

**What Gerry Gdowski (left) lacked in power he made up for in accuracy.**

**Tight end Johnny Mitchell (right) was best known for his hands, but he also had a great arm.**



Kent Olsen



# WALKON productin

If you're wondering who that guy is wearing No. 12, you'd better check your game program. In fact, you have to, since he's not listed in Nebraska's media guide. He's Mike Fullman, yet another walkon who's contributing for the Huskers.

Fullman is a transfer from Rutgers, where he started at defensive back in 1993. Because of academic problems, however, he decided he would be better off elsewhere and wound up in Nebraska.

Fullman followed in the footsteps of former Cornhusker cornerback Barron Miles, who attended the same high school in Roselle, N.J. His choice was logical enough.

He plays the same position as Miles, but at 5-foot-7 and 160 pounds, he's also about the same size. Because of those similarities, Fullman said, it was assumed that, like Miles, he was adept at blocking kicks. (That was his special teams duty at Rutgers.)

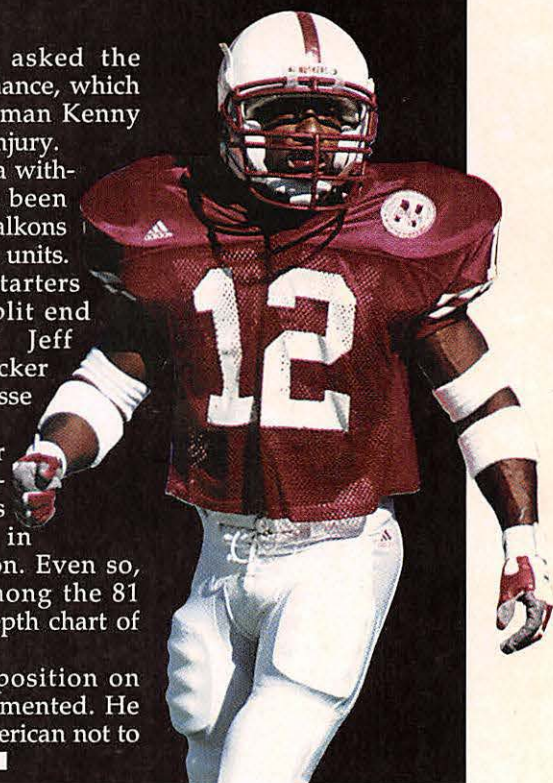
He preferred returning punts to block-

ing them, however, and asked the Cornhusker coaches for a chance, which he got when redshirt freshman Kenny Cheatham was sidelined by injury.

Fullman came to Nebraska without a scholarship and has been among more than a dozen walkons on the Cornhuskers' top two units. Four walkons have been starters throughout the season: split end Reggie Baul, fullback Jeff Makovicka, outside linebacker Jared Tomich and punter Jesse Kosch.

The demands of gender equity have jeopardized football walkons. Nebraska has become more restrictive in allowing players to walk on. Even so, there were 32 walkons among the 81 players listed on the first depth chart of the fall.

Coach Tom Osborne's position on walkons is fairly well documented. He has said it would be "un-American not to allow a person to compete." ■



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**He's a senior outside linebacker — a persistent senior outside linebacker — and he shed whatever anonymity he might have had during the Cornhuskers' 49-25 victory against Kansas State a month ago. Late in the first half of that game, he caught a Wildcat shuffle pass deflected by teammate Chad Kelsay and carried the ball 3 yards into the end zone.**

**After the game, Hardin called his mom in Belleville, Ill., to share the excitement of his touchdown. Delores Hardin watched the game on television.**

**"Her voice was hoarse because she had been calling all of my aunts and uncles," said "Big Lu." All of his aunts and uncles who weren't there with his mom, that is. Family and friends gathered at her home to watch the game and cheer for their favorite Cornhusker, the one in jersey No. 58.**

**First, Delores Hardin wanted Luther's assurance that he was all right. "They didn't hurt you or anything, did they?" she asked.**

**No, he replied. Only then could she relax and enjoy the moment.**

The week before, Delores Hardin had come to Lincoln to watch her son play against Missouri. That afternoon, Luther recorded his first quarterback sack as a Cornhusker. The thrill hadn't worn off by the Kansas State game. "I'm still high from the sack last week," Hardin told reporters afterward.

He waited more than four years to experience such highs.

Hardin came to Nebraska from Althoff Catholic High School in Belleville as a 205-pound defensive tackle. "Big Lu" wasn't big as major college defensive tackles go, a fact that kept him on the sideline most of his first three years as a Cornhusker. He sat out his freshman year as a redshirt.

Hardin was undersized and overmatched. He played on the scout team, going head-to-head against offensive linemen like Will Shields and trying to tackle running backs like Calvin Jones, who was 10 to 15 pounds heavier. "I tried to out-think the offensive linemen," said Hardin.

"They had me beat with their size, but I had more speed. I just couldn't stand in there with them or they'd put me on my back."

No matter what he did, "I had a hard time gaining weight," Hardin said. "I tried everything. But for some reason, I couldn't do it."

When he was a high school freshman, the opposite was true. He weighed as much as 310 pounds, and "it was terrible," he said. "People called me names." And girls ignored him. "They said to me: 'How can you be that big?' " Or they said nothing.

Football became his salvation. Those who didn't ignore him or make fun of him because of his size told him he should go out for the football team. "I didn't know the

first thing about football," he said.

He gave it a try, however, with his mom's blessing . . . sort of. "She told me: 'Go ahead and play. Just don't get hurt.'"

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He found he had an aptitude for football, and the physical activity helped him lose the baby fat. "Slowly but surely, the weight went off," Hardin said. And with it went the insensitive remarks.

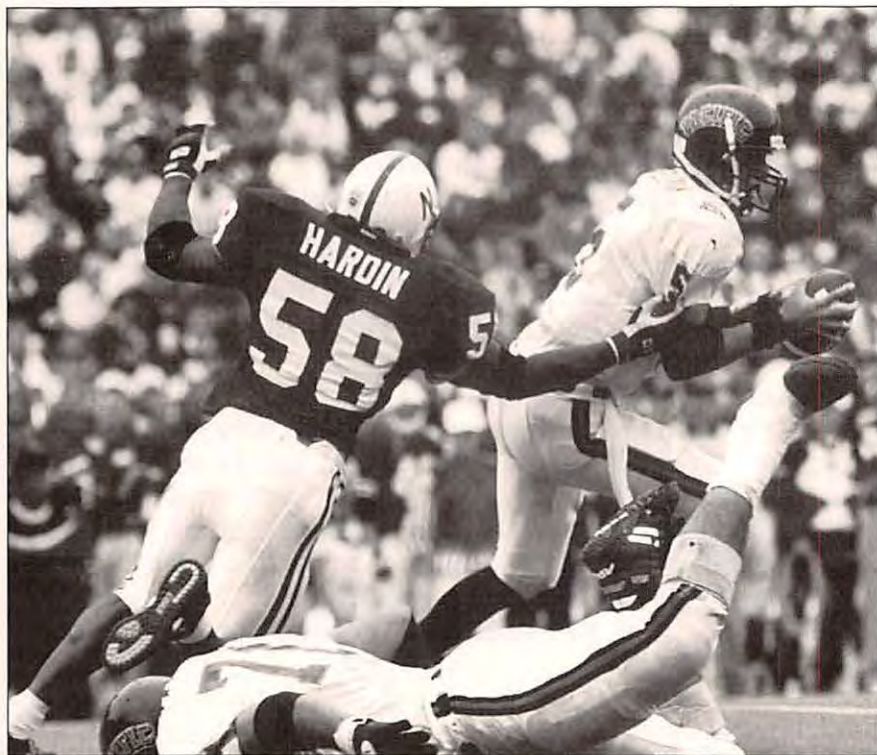
Hardin earned four varsity football letters and led Althoff to state championships as a junior and senior, to draw recruiting attention from several major college programs, among them Nebraska's.

He visited Nebraska in January of his senior year, along with several current Cornhuskers, among them Phil Ellis, Doug Colman and Christian Peter. Everyone who visited that weekend eventually accepted scholarships from Nebraska, accord-

He roomed with Dennis Martin, a defensive lineman from Pittsburgh, early in his freshman year. But Martin succumbed to homesickness and left. Martin's departure intensified his own homesickness, which cost him hundreds of dollars in phone calls to his mom, Hardin said. "It (homesickness) really set in when he (Martin) up and left. But there was nothing I could do to stop him."

Hardin said he tried to look at the bright side of the situation after Martin left. At least he had the fifth-floor room in Harper Hall all to himself. "It was like my own little apartment."

Hardin's scholarship recruiting class included six other players who



Bob Berry

**Hardin's big break came when Nebraska switched to a 4-3 defense.**

ing to Hardin. "I remember every detail," he said.

Vernon Powell, a scholarship recruit from East St. Louis, Ill., two years before, was his host. Any doubts he might have had about Nebraska were eliminated by Powell, who "told me this would make me into a better person," Hardin said. "He told me: 'This school believes in education.'"

What Powell didn't tell him about, or at least what Powell didn't emphasize enough, were the extremes in Nebraska's climate. "It got a lot colder than I thought it would. I wasn't expecting that," said Hardin.

left before establishing themselves. But the majority of those who came in with him stayed and succeeded. Ernie Beler, a junior college transfer, finished two seasons ago. Trumane Bell, Dewayne Harris, Troy Dumas and Abdul Muhammad all completed their eligibility last season, on the national championship team.

Colman, Ellis, Peter, Aaron Graham, Tony Veland, Mark Gilman, Steve Ott, Clester Johnson and Brook Berringer, like Hardin, will be playing their final game in Memorial Stadium against Oklahoma. They are among 22 seniors finishing their careers this season.



Hardin was only 17 years old when he arrived at Nebraska. He lacked a degree of physical maturity as well as the size to play defensive tackle. Nevertheless, he never backed down from the challenge. He was determined to succeed, at Nebraska.

"I'm not a quitter. Once I start something, I finish it," he said. "I could have gone back to Missouri or to Illinois. But I started here, and I was going to finish here."

His break came when the Cornhuskers switched to a 4-3 base defense and he was moved from tackle to outside linebacker, a position at which he could utilize his speed against blockers more his size. He played in six games last season, as a backup to Harris and Jared Tomich.

This season, he has worked his way into the regular rotation. "I've paid a big price, playing with pain, getting knocked down and getting right back up," Hardin said. "I knew what it took in high school to win. But in college, it's not a commitment. It's a task. You HAVE to concentrate on every play. You HAVE to have the right strength level..."

"It shocked me. I knew I was a good player in high school. But when I got here, this guy was from California and that guy was from Texas. Everyone was an All-American, a Blue-Chipper. So where did that leave me? Vernon (Powell) told me: 'Right now, you're at the bottom of the pole. You have to pay your dues.' It was a while before I realized what I had to do in order to play here."

Patience was a virtue. Hardin was disappointed, but never discouraged. And his time finally came.

Now, it's drawing to an end. Before the Oklahoma game, "Big Lu" and the other seniors will be honored. His mom will be in the stands, Hardin said, along with as many family members and friends as possible.

"I've been thinking about it a lot lately," he said of his final run into the stadium before a game. "It's going to be very emotional. This (season) could be the last time I put on (football) pads. It's going to take an (emotional) toll."

The time has passed all too quickly. "I'm just happy to be here," said Hardin, who is scheduled to graduate at the end of the semester, with a degree in business administration.

"Big Lu" wouldn't do anything differently, even if he could. ■

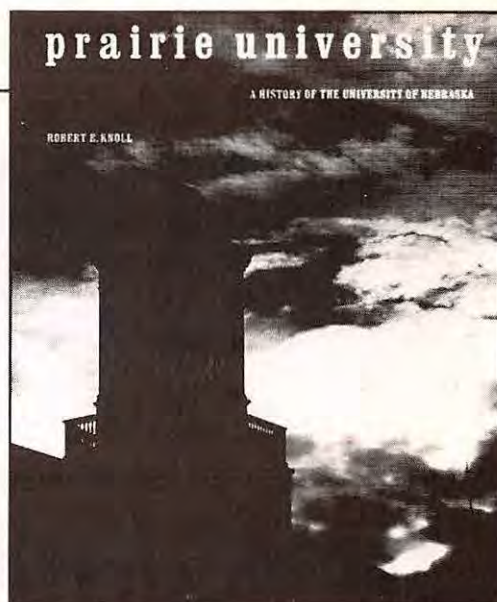
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## Sooners Reeling As Disappointing Season Nears End

By Mark Derowitsch

**H**oward Schnellenberger began his coaching career at Oklahoma last winter talking about restoring the dignity to this once-proud football powerhouse.

But at the end of his first season leading the Sooner program, Schnellenberger isn't talking of national championships or rejoining the ranks of the nation's elite teams. Rather, the coach who led Miami to an upset victory against Nebraska in the 1983 Orange Bowl and to the national title that season is trying to put the pieces back together.

The year started well for Schnellenberger and the Sooners. Oklahoma won its first three games of the year against San Diego State, SMU and North Texas before running into tough times.

A loss to Colorado, after blowing a 10-point first-half lead, began a 2-3-1 stretch for Oklahoma. Oklahoma also lost to Kansas and Kansas State, and tied Texas.

The Sooners have only beaten Iowa State and Missouri during the stretch, the two teams at the bottom

of the Big Eight Conference.

Last week they lost to intrastate rival Oklahoma State for the first time since 1976 in a humbling 12-0 whipping.

Still, Schnellenberger is confident things will get better in the future, and that his team won't let the 1995 season go to waste.

"I don't find any dissension on the team," Schnellenberger said. "I find a football team that has lost in a very human way. They are certainly embarrassed about their performance as much as I am embarrassed about the coaching of that performance and are certainly not at a high."

Oklahoma recently suffered a 49-10 whipping at the hands of Kansas State. And things aren't looking better for the Sooners.

They'll take on top-ranked Nebraska on Nov. 24 at 1:30 p.m. in Lincoln. The game will be televised

nationally by ABC. Nebraska-Oklahoma used to be the showdown for the conference title and an Orange Bowl berth. For the Sooners, they may have to beat the Huskers just to receive an invita-



**Howard Schnellenberger hopes to improve to 2-0 over Osborne.**

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• **Mike Babcock, Huskers Illustrated:** This game will be determined on how the Oklahoma players react to a frustrating season. If they lose their motivation, then Nebraska might beat Oklahoma as bad as they have beaten other teams. If the Oklahoma players come out with a positive attitude and want one last great effort, then it could be a good game, but not a game Oklahoma could win.

**Nebraska 45, Oklahoma 10.**

• **Tim Pearson, Daily Nebraskan:** I don't think that Oklahoma is that great. Howard Schnellenberger has disappointed the Oklahoma fans with all his hype. Tom Osborne will have his team well prepared for this game and use it as a tune up for bowl season.

**Nebraska 42, Oklahoma 10.**

• **David Lanier, Norman Transcript:** The Sooners would have a hard time beating the best team in the country even if they weren't jumping offside, getting punts blocked or leaving receivers wide open. The Oklahoma season is coming to a painful, yet much needed ending.

**Nebraska 38, Oklahoma 12.**

• **Matt Patterson, Oklahoma Daily:** At the beginning of the year, this was to be the game for the conference title. Now, Oklahoma is just one more hurdle on Nebraska's road to the Fiesta Bowl.

**Nebraska 37, Oklahoma 7.**

• **Doug Looney, College football freelance writer:** There was a time when this was just a beautiful game to look forward to, and now, it's very ugly. Oklahoma shouldn't even be on the same field with Nebraska, and I never thought I'd hear myself say that. **Nebraska 40, Oklahoma 14.**



tion to a bowl game.

"The bowls will have a lot more latitude in who they pick, so that's going to be a very interesting situation," Schnellenberger said.

In the past, Oklahoma's offense used to put fear in the hearts of its opponents. Not so anymore. The Sooners are averaging 393.2 yards of total offense, but have turned the ball over 23 times in their first nine games.

Leading the Sooners' offense is fullback Jerald Moore, a junior. He leads the team with 880 yards on the ground and has scored a team-high 10 touchdowns. His back up, James Allen, has rushed for 301 yards in limited action.

Freshman quarterback Eric Moore is a threat running or throwing. He is third on the team in rushing, averaging nearly 30 yards per game, and has thrown for 1,134 yards and seven scores. He's only completing 45.3 percent of his passes and has

been picked off six times.

Senior Garrick McGee, who was the starter last year, spells Moore at times. He's thrown for 381 yards and has rushed for another 111.

The Sooners have some receivers with big numbers this year. Tight end Stephen Alexander leads the team with 31 receptions for 421 yards and two touchdowns. Flanker P.J. Mills, a senior, is next with 19 catches for 387 yards and four scores.

Up front, the Sooners return three starters from last season — center Chuck Langston, right tackle J.R. Conrad and left tackle Harry Stamps. Langston, Conrad and Stamps are all seniors who have lettered the three previous seasons. Milton Overton, a part-time starter last year, has taken over the spot at left guard and senior Joe Carollo starts at right guard.

Defensively, the Sooners have had problems stopping their opponents, especially through the air. Teams are averaging 208.2 passing yards per game against Oklahoma. Four teams — San Diego State, Colorado, Texas and Kansas State — all threw for more than 240 yards against OU.

But Oklahoma has one of the best defenses against the run. The Sooners are giving up only 91.8 rushing yards per game. Kansas had the best day on the ground against OU, running for 223 yards on 56 carries.

Linebackers Broderick Simpson, Tyrell Peters and Brent DeQuasie lead the Sooner defense. Simpson has made a team-best 101 tackles, Peters has been in on 94 stops and



**Fullback Jerald Moore has shouldered most of the Sooners' offense this season.**

DeQuasie has 56 total tackles.

Up front, senior defensive end Cedric Jones has recorded 11 of Oklahoma's 26 sacks this season. Rod Manuel handle the other spot.

Tackles Baron Tanner and Martin Chase anchor the Sooners' interior play. Tanner has made 51 tackles, including six for loss, while Chase has 31 stops and four tackles for loss.

In the secondary, free safety Maylon Wesley and cornerback Larry Bush each have three interceptions this year. Cornerback Darrius Johnson has 44 stops and has broken up six passes.

Jeremy Alexander has been near perfect as a kicker this year, drilling 14 of 16 attempts. ■

## 1995 OKLAHOMA FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Record (Overall/Conf.) — 5-4-1 (2-4)

Sept. 9	San Diego St.	W, 38-22
Sept. 16	SMU	W, 24-10
Sept. 23	North Texas	W, 51-10
Sept. 30	Colorado	L, 17-38
Oct. 7	@ Iowa St.	W, 39-26
Oct. 14	vs. Texas	T, 24-24
Oct. 21	Kansas	L, 17-38
Oct. 28	@ Missouri	W, 13-9
Nov. 4	@ Kansas St.	L, 10-49
Nov. 11	Oklahoma St.	L, 0-12
Nov. 24	@ Nebraska	

## OKLAHOMA VS. NEBRASKA TWO-DEEPS

### HUSKER OFFENSE

SE 7	Reggie Baul	5-8	170	Sr
5	Brendan Holbein	5-9	190	Jr
LT 75	Chris Dishman	6-3	310	Jr
78	Kory Mikos	6-5	285	Jr
LG 67	Aaron Taylor	6-1	305	So
68	Steve Volin	6-2	290	Sr
C 54	Aaron Graham	6-4	285	Sr
53	Matt Vrzal	6-1	300	Jr
RG 69	Steve Ott	6-4	290	Sr
64	Jon Zatechka	6-2	280	So
RT 70	Eric Anderson	6-4	300	So
77	Adam Treu	6-6	295	Jr
TE 87	Mark Gilman	6-4	240	Sr
88	Sheldon Jackson	6-4	240	Fr
QB 15	Tommie Frazier	6-2	210	Sr
28	Brook Berringer	6-4	220	Sr
FB 22	Jeff Makovicka	5-11	225	Jr
28	Brian Schuster	5-11	225	Jr
IB 30	Ahman Green	6-0	210	Fr
1	Lawrence Phillips	6-0	220	Jr
WB 33	Clester Johnson	5-11	210	Sr
25	Jon Vedral	5-11	200	Jr
PK 35	Kris Brown	5-11	190	Fr

### SOONER DEFENSE

LE 36	Travian Smith	6-4	212	So
85	Roderick Manuel	6-5	285	Jr
LT 92	Baron Tanner	6-3	280	Jr
96	Arthur Atkins	6-3	261	Sr
RT 93	Martin Chase	6-2	278	So
97	Kelly Gregg	6-2	262	Fr
RE 57	Cedric Jones	6-4	263	Sr
72	Robert Allen	6-1	247	Sr
BLB 47	Brent DeQuasie	6-2	226	Sr
27	Collin Rosenberg	6-2	232	Jr
MLB 45	Tyrell Peters	6-0	210	Jr
43	Corey Ivy	6-1	220	So
WLB 51	Broderick Simpson	6-1	209	Jr
84	Dale Allen	6-2	211	Fr
SCB 42	Darrius Johnson	5-9	174	Sr
22	Cedric Stephens	5-9	175	Fr
FS 5	Maylon Wesley	5-9	178	Sr
13	Terry White	5-10	192	Fr
QCB 31	Larry Bush	5-9	179	Sr
28	Wendell Davis	5-10	184	Sr
ROV 9	Anthony Fogle	5-11	193	Jr
17	Rod Henderson	6-2	192	Jr
P 82	Brian Lewis	6-1	217	Fr

### SOONER OFFENSE

SE 89	JaJuan Penny	5-11	184	Sr
24	Chris Blocker	6-1	200	Fr
LT 76	Harry Stamps	6-4	292	Sr
70	Barry Giles	6-5	273	So
LG 74	Milton Overton	6-0	262	Sr
66	Chris Campbell	6-3	286	Jr
C 75	Chuck Langston	6-1	262	Sr
73	Bruce McClure	6-5	263	So
RG 68	Joe Carollo	6-1	277	Sr
65	Jason Comer	6-2	277	Sr
RT 78	J.R. Conrad	6-4	285	Sr
71	Jay Smith	6-3	257	Fr
TE 80	Stephen Alexander	6-4	224	So
6	Michael McDaniell	6-1	223	Jr
QB 1	Eric Moore	6-0	174	Fr
8	Garrick McGee	6-3	197	Sr
FB 7	Jerald Moore	5-8	226	Jr
20	Michael Rose	5-10	218	So
HB 25	James Allen	5-10	207	Jr
7	Jerald Moore	5-8	226	Jr
FL 4	P.J. Mills	5-10	182	Jr
87	Gerald Williams	6-4	182	Fr
PK 15	Jeremy Alexander	5-10	175	So

### HUSKER DEFENSE

OLB 93	Jared Tomich	6-2	250	Jr
58	Luther Hardin	6-2	245	Sr
DT 55	Christian Peter	6-3	300	Sr
97	Jeff Ogard	6-6	310	Jr
DT 95	Jason Peter	6-4	275	So
74	Scott Saltzman	6-2	260	Jr
OLB 98	Grant Wistrom	6-5	240	So
57	Chad Kelsay	6-3	230	Fr
SLB 56	Jay Foreman	6-1	220	Fr
28#	Jamel Williams	6-2	200	Jr
MLB 46	Doug Colman	6-3	245	Sr
41	Phil Ellis	6-2	225	Sr
WLB 43	Terrell Farley	6-0	200	Jr
91	Ryan Terwilliger	6-5	225	Jr
LC 20	Michael Booker	6-2	190	Jr
12	Mike Fullman	5-7	160	Jr
ROV 10	Mike Minter	5-10	190	Jr
4	Octavius McFarlin	5-11	190	So
FS 9	Tony Veland	6-2	205	Sr
16	Eric Stokes	5-11	180	Jr
RC 8	Tyrone Williams	6-0	185	Sr
2	Leslie Dennis	5-8	165	So
P 19	Jesse Kosch	6-0	180	So

Depth charts were compiled Nov. 12, 1995 # = duplicate number \* = injured, but probable for game



# Miscues, Frazier Doom Jayhawks

**M**urphy's Law: If something can go wrong, it will. And it did for the 10th-ranked Kansas football team last Saturday afternoon in Lawrence.

It did during the first half, anyway. At the intermission, top-ranked Nebraska led the Jayhawks 14-3, on the way to a 41-3 victory.

There were those in a sellout crowd of 50,300 (which far exceeded the official capacity of Kansas' Memorial Stadium) who claimed the Cornhuskers were lucky to be ahead at the half.

As someone once said, however, luck is the residue of design. From that point of view, Nebraska's modest halftime lead was no accident.

**By MIKE BABCOCK**

"It seemed like we were a little out of sync the first half," Coach Tom Osborne said.

But for the mishaps that beset Kansas, the Cornhuskers might have been scoreless during the first 30 minutes. Consider Nebraska's touchdowns.

Jon Vedral scored the first, by recovering an Isaac Byrd fumble in the end zone. Byrd fumbled a Jesse Kosch punt, after the Jayhawk defense forced Nebraska to go three downs and out on its first possession.

Byrd appeared to be distracted by Chad Kelsay, the first Cornhusker down the field on punt coverage. Kelsay attempted to recover the fumble. The ball was accidentally kicked into the end zone, and the opportunistic Vedral fell on it. Kris Brown kicked the extra point, and Nebraska led 7-0 less than six minutes into the game.

Eight minutes later, Tommie Frazier scored the second touchdown, from a yard out, on the third play following Tony Veland's recovery of a June Henley fumble at his own 30-yard line. The Jayhawks turned over the ball three more times by game's end, all three on pass interceptions.

Nebraska turned the five turnovers into 27 points.

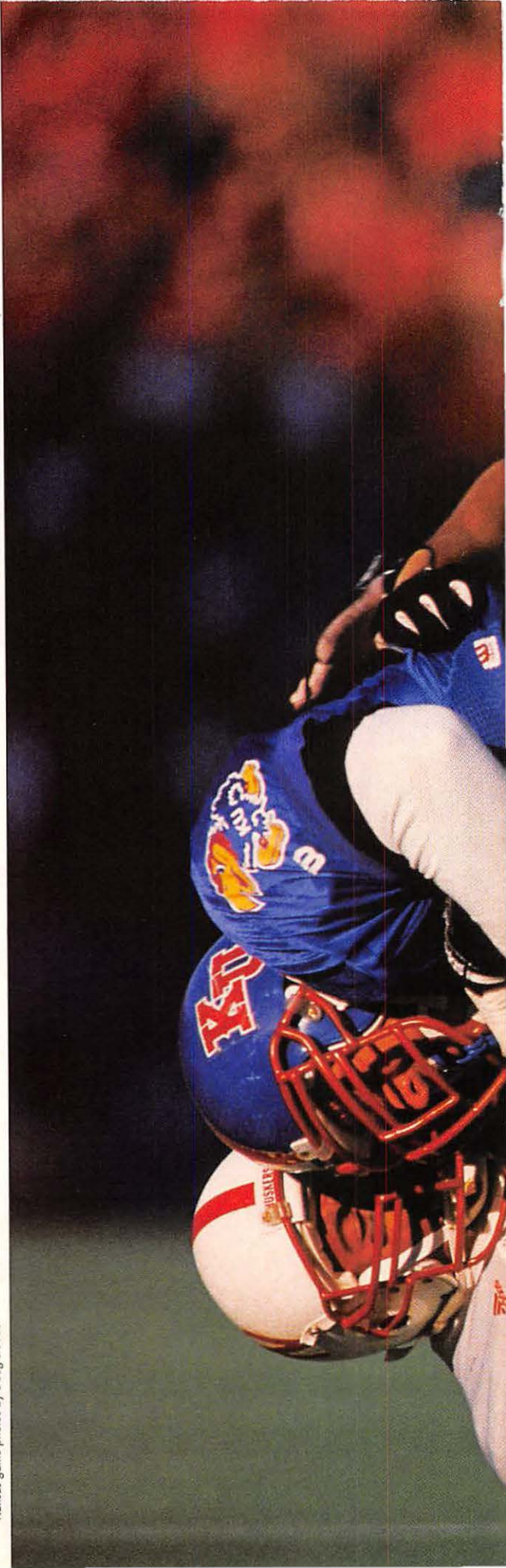
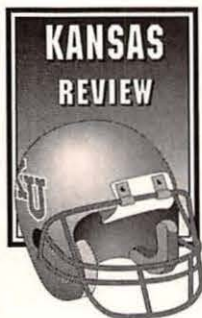
"We made too many mistakes," said Jayhawk coach Glen Mason.

Kansas played an inspired first half, however, to hold Nebraska scoreless in the second quarter and create some drama for an audience that included as many as 20,000 Cornhusker fans — concerned Cornhusker fans, it should be noted.

Osborne shared their concern. "I was very concerned at the half," he said. "Other than those breaks, it should have been an even ballgame."

Kansas outgained Nebraska in the first half, 199 yards to 110 yards. The Jayhawks ran 48 plays

**Kansas stumbled offensively in its biggest test of the year, managing only a second-quarter field goal.**









to Nebraska's 25, and had a significant advantage in time of possession. But their only points came on a 19-yard field goal by Jeff McCord, after an 86-yard drive ended 2 yards from the end zone.

Kansas also ended Nebraska's string of quarters without a turnover at 17, by recovering an errant backward pass by Brook Berringer. The ball was intended for Lawrence Phillips, who didn't react quickly enough to make the recovery, presumably because he thought it was an incomplete pass.

Berringer was playing in place of Frazier, who had gone to the lockerroom because of a sore foot. He returned for the next series.

After three plays, which gained only 3 yards, Kansas lined up to punt back to the Cornhuskers. The snap from center sailed over punter Darrin Simmons' head, however.

Simmons recovered at his own

**The pressure Nebraska put on KU and quarterback Mark Williams resulted in five turnovers (two interceptions) and 27 Husker points.**



23-yard line. Nebraska took possession there, but couldn't capitalize, losing 2 yards on fourth down from the Jayhawks' 15-yard line.

Kansas then put together an impressive drive under the direction of senior quarterback Mark Williams, who nullified Nebraska's pass rush with short drops. He completed 9-of-12 passes on the drive, but the 12th was intercepted by

Tyrone Williams. If something can go wrong...

The Jayhawks' misfortunes continued minutes later, after a lost fumble by Ahman Green gave them a final opportunity before halftime.

But time elapsed as McCord prepared to attempt a 39-yard field goal, set up by a facemask penalty on Nebraska that moved the ball to the Cornhusker 22-yard line.

The problem was, Kansas had used its timeouts and couldn't stop the clock to set up for McCord's kick.

Despite its statistical advantage, Kansas trailed by 11 points.

By halftime, "we had decided what we needed to do," Osborne said. That was immediately apparent, as the Cornhuskers used good field position, resulting from Damon Benning's 42-yard second-half kickoff return, to initiate an eight-play, 58-yard touchdown drive, capped by Frazier's 1-yard pass to tight end Vershan Jackson.

The reception was the second of the season for Jackson, a sophomore from Omaha who stepped up after senior Mark Gilman was sidelined by a sprained ankle. Tim Carpenter also missed the game. He underwent arthroscopic surgery on his right





knee in late October.

The injuries at tight end affected Nebraska's ability to run with the ball, according to Osborne. The Cornhuskers finished with 289 yards on the ground, well below their nation-leading season's average (426).

Frazier gained 99 yards and scored two touchdowns on 10 carries to lead Nebraska's ball carriers.

Green was limited to 45 yards rushing on 10 carries. Even so, he became the first freshman in Big Eight history to rush for 1,000 yards. He now has 1,042 rushing yards.

Phillips also carried 10 times, for 47 yards and one touchdown, set up by a Phil Ellis pass interception late in the third quarter.

Frazier passed for 86 yards, to give him 185 yards of total offense for the game. That was enough to move him ahead of Jerry Tagge to No. 1 on Nebraska's all-time list.

The Cornhusker defense finished the scoring, when Mike Fullman, the No. 2 left cornerback, intercepted a Ben Rutz pass and returned it 86 yards for a touchdown with 6:56 remaining.

Rutz transferred to Kansas after two seasons at Nebraska.

Williams, whom Rutz replaced after the game was decided, completed 27-of-45 passes for 242 yards. However, the Jayhawks couldn't take the pressure off of him by establishing a running threat. As a result, an impressive performance went for naught.

"They had a few more yards than we would have liked for them to have," said Cornhusker outside linebacker Jared Tomich.

"But when you keep the 10th-ranked team out of the end zone... I think defensively we did really well."

The large number of Nebraska fans effectively nullified Kansas' home-field advantage, on a raw afternoon that followed a dusting of snow.

Inclement weather in southeast Nebraska on the Friday before the game made travel to Lawrence treacherous and delayed the Cornhuskers' arrival. As a result, they were unable to take a walk-through at the stadium on Friday.

Ohio State, which inexplicably moved ahead of Florida to No. 2 in the rankings following Florida State's upset loss to Virginia, also won 41-3 on Saturday, against a mediocre Illinois team at Columbus.

The Buckeyes shouldn't have

gained ground on Nebraska as a result of that performance. Even if the opponents had been comparable, which they weren't, it would have been a wash with identical scores.

Nebraska is now preparing for Oklahoma, which comes to Lincoln on Nov. 24. With a victory against the Sooners, who lost to intrastate rival Oklahoma State 12-0 Saturday, Nebraska would complete a third-straight undefeated regular season and have an opportunity to repeat as national champion in the Fiesta Bowl.

That fact was duly noted by a few

Cornhusker fans in Lawrence, who celebrated by tossing tortillas onto the field near game's end.

"We've got one more left, right?" Nebraska defensive tackle and co-captain Christian Peter asked, rhetorically after win No. 10.

"Oklahoma will be a tough one," he said.

The Cornhuskers have taken each opponent in order this season, without looking ahead. That's among the reasons Murphy's Law hasn't applied to them.

If something can go wrong, it will. But only to someone else. ■

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# STATISTICS VS. KANSAS

## NOVEMBER 11, 1995

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

TEAM	1	2	3	4	Final
NEBRASKA	14	0	14	13	41
KANSAS	0	3	0	0	3

### TEAM STATS

	KU	NU
First Downs	25	20
Rushing	10	14
Passing	14	5
Penalty	1	1
Rushing Attempts	32	51
Yards Gained Rushing	127	304
Yards Lost Rushing	55	15
Net yards rushing	72	289
Net yards passing	273	86
Passes attempted	50	15
Passes completed	30	10
Had intercepted	3	1
Total plays	82	66
Total net yards	345	375
Avg. gain per play	4.2	5.7
Fumbles-lost	3-2	3-2
Penalties-yards	5-42	2-20
Punts-yards	4-133	3-125
Avg. per punt	33.3	41.7
Possession time	31:24	28:36

### DEFENSIVE LEADERS

NEBRASKA						
Player	Solo	Asst	TT	Sacks	Int.	
Williams, J.	3	7	10	0	0	
Farley, T.	3	6	9	0	0	
Booker, M.	4	5	9	0	0	
Colman, D.	3	4	7	0	0	
Peter, J.	0	6	6	0	0	
Wistrom, G.	1	5	6	0	0	
Williams, T.	4	2	6	0	1	
Minter, M.	2	3	5	0	0	
Peter, C.	0	4	4	0	0	
Kelsay, C.	3	1	4	0	0	
Veland, T.	3	1	4	0	0	
Tomich, J.	2	1	3	1	0	
Hesse, J.	2	0	2	0	0	
Warfield, E.	2	0	2	0	0	
Fullman, M.	1	1	2	0	0	
McMarlin, O.	1	1	2	0	0	
Hardin, L.	0	1	1	0	0	
Ellis, P.	0	1	1	0	1	
KANSAS						
Player	Solo	Asst	TT	Sacks	Int.	
Thoren	3	9	12	0	0	
Gaddie	2	4	6	0	1	

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

#### RUSHING NEBRASKA

Player	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Frazier, T.	10	99	9.9	28	2
Green, A.	10	45	4.5	15	0
Phillips, L.	10	47	4.7	15	1
Childs, C.	5	28	5.6	17	0
Makovicka, Jeff	5	25	5.0	12	0
Benning, D.	4	22	4.4	12	0
Schuster, B.	4	12	3.0	4	0
Makovicka, Joel	1	8	8.0	8	0
Berringer, B.	2	3	1.5	9	0

#### KANSAS

Player	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Levine, L.T.	13	47	3.6	14	0
Henley, J.	7	14	2.0	4	0
Williams	3	7	2.3	16	0
Vann	8	40	5.0	17	0

#### PASSING NEBRASKA

Player	Att-Cmp-Int	Yds	TD
Frazier, T.	15-10-1	86	1

#### KANSAS

Player	Att-Cmp-Int	Yds	TD
Williams	45-27-2	242	0
Rutz	5-3-1	31	0

#### RECEIVING NEBRASKA

Player	Rec	Yds	APC	Lng	TD
Johnson, C.	4	50	12.5	16	0
Jackson, S.	2	13	6.5	10	0
Holbein, B.	1	14	14.0	14	0
Vedral, J.	1	6	6.0	6	0
Phillips, L.	1	2	2.0	2	0
Jackson, V.	1	1	1.0	1	1

#### KANSAS

Player	Rec	Yds	APC	Lng	TD
Levine	9	51	5.6	13	0
Byrd	6	71	11.8	17	0
Smith	6	48	8.0	12	0
Moore	3	40	13.3	29	0
Friday	3	35	11.6	19	0
Henley	3	28	9.3	12	0

#### FIELD GOALS NEBRASKA

Player	Att	Made	Distance
Brown	None	Attempted	

#### KANSAS

Player	Att	Made	Distance
McCord	1	1	19

## 1995 SEASON STATS

(10 GAMES)

### RUSHING

Name	G	Att	Yds.	YPG	Tds.
Green, A.	10	128	1042	104.2	13
Frazier, T.	10	87	569	56.9	14
Phillips, L.	4	56	474	118.5	9
Benning, D.	8	63	407	50.8	4
Childs, C.	7	51	399	57.0	3
Makovicka, Jeff	10	59	356	35.6	1
Sims, J.	9	30	270	30.0	3
Schuster, B.	10	25	232	23.2	0
Makovicka, Joel	10	18	140	14.0	1
Berringer, B.	8	18	68	8.5	0
Turman, M.	9	13	35	3.8	1
Vedral, J.	10	0	0	0	3

### PASSING

Name	G	A-C-I	Pct.	Yds.	Tds.
Frazier, T.	10	138-80-3	.579	1234	16
Berringer, B.	8	49-25-0	.510	244	0
Turman, M.	9	12-4-2	.300	73	1

### RECEIVING

Name	G	No.	Yds.	YPC	YPG	Tds.
Johnson, C.	10	20	348	17.4	34.8	2
Gilman, M.	10	15	239	15.9	23.9	1
Baul, R.	10	13	266	20.5	26.6	2
Vedral, J.	10	13	234	18.0	23.4	4
Holbein, B.	10	12	131	10.9	13.1	1
Green, A.	10	10	101	10.1	10.1	3
Jackson, S.	9	6	52	8.6	5.7	2
Cheatham, K.	5	4	31	7.8	6.2	0
Washington, R.	7	3	24	8.0	3.4	0
Brown, L.	10	2	44	39.0	4.4	1
Benning, D.	8	2	40	20.0	5.0	0
Childs, C.	7	2	19	9.5	2.7	0
Phillips, L.	4	3	11	3.6	2.8	0
Carpenter, T.	8	1	15	15.0	1.9	0
Jackson, V.	10	2	13	6.5	1.0	1
Lake, J.	9	1	7	7.0	2.3	0

### DEFENSE

Name	G	UT	AT	TT	Int.	Sacks
Farley, T.	10	25	31	56	3	5
Minter, M.	10	24	21	45	2	0
Colman, D.	10	19	24	43	1	2
Williams, J.	10	17	26	43	0	1
Peter, C.	10	10	30	40	0	1
Hesse, J.	10	19	17	36	0	1
Wistrom, G.	10	17	21	38	0	4
Terwilliger, R.	10	17	18	35	0	0
Booker, M.	10	20	12	32	2	0
Veland, T.	10	16	15	31	1	0
Foreman, J.	10	8	19	27	0	0
Peter, J.	10	7	19	26	0	0
Williams, T.	10	19	6	25	1	0
Ellis, P.	7	9	15	24	1	2
Tomich, J.	10	15	6	21	0	8
Kelsay, C.	10	13	7	20	0	2
McFarlin, O.	10	11	8	19	0	0
Stokes, E.	10	7	11	18	0	0
Penland, A.	9	5	11	16	0	0
Warfield, E.	10	7	8	15	0	0
Fullman, M.	10	10	5	15	2	0
Saltsman, S.	6	5	8	13	0	1
Rucker, M.	8	3	10	13	0	1
Dennis, L.	9	5	5	10	1	0
Hardin, L.	10	5	4	9	1	0

### TEAM STATISTICS

Total Offensive Yards	5,712	2,994			
Net Rushing Yards	4,127	811			
Passing Yards	1,585	2,183			
<b>Scoring</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>TOT</b>
NU	148	172	126	93	539
Opponents	34	38	31	47	150

## 1995 NEBRASKA FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Record (Conference)	10-0 (6-0)	
Aug. 31	@ Oklahoma St.	W, 64-21
Sept. 9	@ Michigan St.	W, 50-10
Sept. 16	Arizona St.	W, 77-28
Sept. 23	Pacific	W, 49-7
Sept. 30	Washington St.	W, 35-21
Oct. 14	Missouri	W, 57-0
Oct. 21	Kansas St.	W, 49-25
Oct. 28	@ Colorado	W, 44-21
Nov. 4	Iowa St.	W, 73-14
Nov. 11	@ Kansas	W, 41-3
Nov. 24	Oklahoma	



# COMING HOME

Eric Piatkowski retrieved a basketball near the press table along the court at the Bob Devaney Sports Center during warm-ups prior to the Los Angeles Clippers-Chicago Bulls NBA exhibition game in late October.

An enterprising youngster attracted Piatkowski's attention and asked for an autograph. A predictable flood of youngsters, as well as others not so young, quickly followed.

"No offense, but sign it on Michael," said a young girl who shoved a trading card

## One of the more popular players in school history. Eric Piatkowski returns to the Devaney Center with the Los Angeles Clippers

price guide with a photograph of Michael Jordan on its cover across the table.

Piatkowski opened the magazine and signed an inside page.

After about five minutes of signing autographs and smiling while strangers pushed near him for photos, Piatkowski pulled away from the crowd to resume shooting jump shots from the top of the key. "I'll sign the rest after the game," he said.

Several minutes later, Piatkowski was introduced to a capacity crowd of 14,335 at the Sports Center as the fifth Clippers starter. The crowd stood and applauded — and, of course, continued to stand and applaud while the Bulls starters were introduced, particularly you-know-who.

"Everybody wants to see Michael Jordan play, and that's OK with me," Piatkowski said afterward. "I'm just glad I was able to come back here and play one more time."

Piatkowski, the second-leading scorer in Cornhusker history, is beginning his second professional season. And "if he plays like he did tonight, he'll help us," Clippers coach Bill Fitch said.

Piatkowski, an off-guard, scored 16 points in 33 minutes of action, hitting 6-of-10 field goals and all four of his free throws. He scored once on a drive to the basket after faking to his right and shedding Jordan. The two were matched only briefly on defense.

Most of the time, Piatkowski drew the Bulls Ron Harper defensively, and vice versa. Jordan scored a game-high 22 points, as did teammate Scottie Pippen. The Bulls lost, by the way, 104-101. The game's outcome was of little concern, however.

The fans had come to be entertained, and they were, not only by Jordan, Piatkowski and Pippen but also by



Bob Berry







Dennis Rodman, the newest Bull. Rodman, whose hair was yellow-gold, earned two technical fouls and made an early exit — with nine minutes left in the third quarter, to be exact.

Piatkowski is expected to be among the first off the bench for the Clippers this season. As a rookie, he got 11 starts near the end of the season, averaging seven points and leading the team in three-point shooting percentage (37).

He needs to become more consistent and improve defensively, according to Fitch. "He has to be letter-perfect on defense," said Fitch, who coached Piatkowski's father, Walt, at Bowling Green University.

Piatkowski didn't dispute that. "One of the things I've really wanted to work on was my consistency," he said. "Last year, I'd play an all-around good game and then the next game I wouldn't. I'd play so-so. I want to play all the time like I did my junior and senior years at Nebraska."

Piatkowski gained some weight

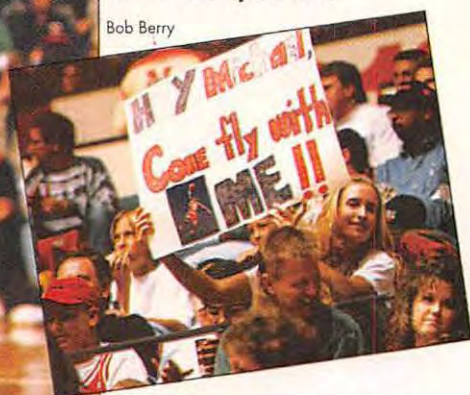
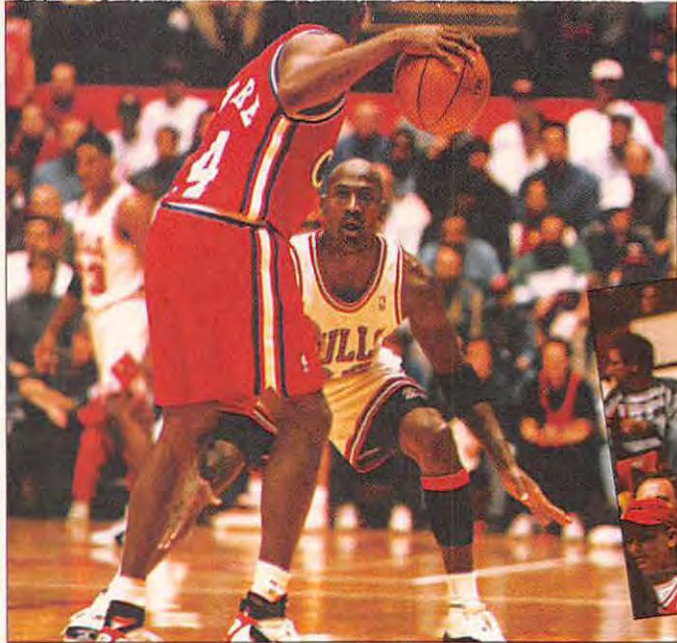
during the off-season and increased his strength. But he still needs to get stronger, according to Elgin Baylor, the Clippers' general manager.

Piatkowski was hampered for a time during the exhibition season by an Achilles problem. But he seemed none the worse for wear.

He scored his 16 points during the first three quarters, and didn't play in the fourth, watching the final quarter from the bench, with a gray towel over his shoulders. Near the

Piatkowski may have been the hometown hero, but it was Michael Jordan who many showed up to see.

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end of the game, the audience began to chant: "We want Pike."

"I just wanted to play well," he said. "People in Nebraska have always treated me well. It's been great."

The reception "made me feel good. We played the (Dallas) Mavericks in Louisville and it was a homecoming for one of their players. He got an OK reception. But mine was phenomenal."

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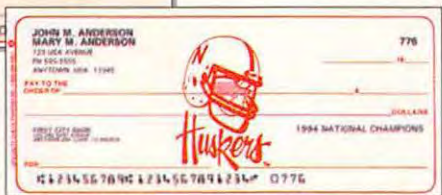
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# READY TO FEAST

**Terrance Badgett** was determined to put everything he had into his final season as a Nebraska basketball player. He was so determined, in fact, that he gave up eating at Taco Bell.

If you know Badgett at all, you probably understand the depth of commitment giving up Taco Bell represents. When it comes to fast-food restaurants, "that's my favorite," he said. "Me and Jaron (Boone) are Taco Bell freaks."

Badgett hasn't lost his appetite for tacos and burritos. His rejection of Taco Bell likely won't be permanent, for that matter. But he had to make the sacrifice in the short-term.

"I want a better season. I want to move forward and not think about the past," he said. Badgett was referring to the immediate past, specifically last season, when Nebraska finished seventh in the Big Eight and failed to advance to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in five years.

The Cornhuskers made the first of four consecutive NCAA trips when Badgett was a senior at Omaha South High School. They qualified again when he was a redshirt at Nebraska. And he played in first-round NCAA Tournament games as a redshirted freshman and sophomore.

The pattern was broken last season, however. Nebraska had to settle for the National Invitation Tournament. No offense, but Badgett would prefer not to return

to the NIT. "I don't want that to happen again," he said.

That desire required him to curb his desire for fast foods. Badgett ate healthy during the summer. "My mom pretty much disciplined me," he said. "When I came home from work, she had dinner ready. She had (healthful) snacks for me when I got home from playing basketball and working out. And I didn't eat anything after 10 o'clock (at night)."

The results were significant. Badgett lost seven pounds and, more importantly, reduced his body fat from 17 percent to 12 percent. "I feel great now, really good," he said. "And I have better self-esteem. Last year, I felt less mobile. I just didn't feel comfortable."

Badgett suffers from asthma, which "seemed like it got worse last season." The change in diet affected that in a positive way, as well.

Badgett is one of six Cornhusker seniors, and one of two who have been in the program for five years. The other is Jason Glock. Badgett has

invested as much as anyone. And benefited as much.

"When I came here, I was confused, nervous, scared. I was afraid of college," said Badgett, who is finishing a degree in family services and human development. "I didn't know where I was going. Now, it's totally different. It's just wonderful."

"You come in contact with so many people. Not many people get the opportunity to do what we do."

Badgett's smile is infectious. He is



**"I WANT A BETTER SEASON. I WANT TO MOVE**





Bob Berry

among coach Danny Nee's most enthusiastic players, a quality that occasionally has gotten him in foul trouble. Nee has never gotten anything less than Badgett's best effort, whether the 6-foot-6 forward has started or come off the bench.

Badgett is optimistic about this season, which isn't surprising; he's pretty much an optimist by nature, by outward appearances, anyway. "It was an up-and-down season (1994-95)," he said. "We overlooked

a lot of teams.

"This year, our focus is one day at a time. We have great communication with the coaches. We weren't used to that in the past. Nee, he's changed a lot. He's more like a friend who can communicate with you about other things besides basketball."

Badgett's communication with his mom, Rosetta Badgett, also has improved since last season. Not that it was poor before, but "my mom

and I really got in touch over the summer," said Badgett. "We've really become close. She's a beautiful woman, a very special person in my life. She's my No. 1. I love her so much."

To hear Badgett tell it, such love was necessary to keep him from sneaking out to Taco Bell last summer. You can make a run for the border into the early-morning hours. But he never did. "It was hard," Badgett said. ■

**FORWARD AND NOT THINK ABOUT THE PAST."**









# Born for the I

***A record-setting day in Kansas established the career tone for Calvin Jones, the school's No. 2 all-time rusher***

*Editor's Note — This is the final of an 11-part series featuring the best Nebraska running backs of the modern era.*

**C**alvin Jones rushed for 3,153 yards in three seasons as a Nebraska I-back. The only Cornhusker to run for more yards was Mike Rozier.

And Rozier had 207 more carries than Jones, who didn't become a starter until his final season in 1993.

Four of those yards were especially memorable for Jones. At least, that's what he claimed after being chosen the Big Eight Conference Offensive Newcomer of the Year as a redshirted freshman in 1991.

They came in the rain, on a bitterly cold day in late November, at Memorial Stadium. Nebraska trailed Oklahoma 14-13 and faced a fourth-and-1 at the Sooner 19-yard line with 3:08 remaining. Nebraska could have taken the lead with a field goal. But coach Tom Osborne had been persuaded by his players during a timeout to go for the first down, and a touchdown.

Osborne settled on a "49 pitch," which would send Jones to the left. Jones admitted later he was extremely nervous before taking the hand-off from Keithen McCant.

Jones needn't have worried. He got the necessary yard, and three to spare. Then, on the next play, he finished off an 80-yard drive with a 15-yard touchdown run, which most Nebraska fans are more likely to remember from that particular game.

Chances are, the Oklahoma game would be their second recollection in reminiscing about Jones' Cornhusker career. Almost without question, their first would be of the Kansas game at Lawrence three weeks before.

No running back in Nebraska's rich football history has turned in a better performance than Jones did that afternoon. It was extraordinary, if not a incredible. And it wouldn't have occurred if Derek Brown hadn't been poked in the eye.

Brown was the Cornhuskers' starting I-back in 1991, moving up when Scott Baldwin suffered a severe ankle sprain in the first game of the sea-

## top Running Backs In The Modern Era **10**

Bobby Reynolds.....	1950-52
Harry Wilson .....	1964-66
Jeff Kinney .....	1969-71
I.M. Hipp .....	1977-79
Jarvis Redwine .....	1979-80
Mike Rozier .....	1981-83
Keith Jones .....	1984-87
Ken Clark .....	1987-89
Derek Brown .....	1990-92
Calvin Jones .....	1991-93



son. Brown carried 13 times for 75 yards against the Jayhawks before going to the sideline with blurred vision.

Enter Jones, who hadn't played a down during a 19-19 tie with Colorado the previous week at Boulder. Jones was forced to watch because Brown was on a roll against the Buffaloes.

Jones "had a great attitude," Cornhusker assistant head coach and running backs coach Frank Solich said recently. And that attitude was never more apparent than at Colorado in 1991. Jones never complained. If Nebraska needed him, he was ready. If not, well, that was fine by him, too.

Jones was needed against Kansas. He replaced Brown in the second quarter and carried 27 times before leaving in the fourth quarter with a 59-23 victory assured. The Cornhuskers trailed at halftime 20-17.

Jones scored Nebraska's two touchdowns in the second quarter. And he scored the first four touchdowns of the second half, capping the scoring spree by running 12 yards for the sixth touchdown with 10:41 remaining.

He returned briefly after that, in

order to break the Cornhuskers' single-game rushing record. With less than seven minutes left, Osborne sent him back in. "You only need a yard or so for the record," Osborne said. "So when you go in there, get it."

Jones did, by 9 yards. Rozier's record had been 285 yards. Jones finished with 294, to go with his half-dozen touchdowns.

"We don't normally make concessions to records," Osborne said afterward. "But this was special. We wanted to make sure he got it."

Indeed, it was. Kansas went into the game ranked 14th in the nation in total defense, allowing an average of only 284 yards per game.

Jones nearly doubled his season's rushing total, which stood at 367 yards going into the game.

Bolstered by the Kansas total, Jones finished strong. He gained 191 yards on only nine carries in a 38-13 victory against Iowa State, then finished the regular season with 118 yards on 17 carries against Oklahoma.

His 900 rushing yards for the season shattered the Cornhusker record by a freshman. His 14 touchdowns in 10 games enabled him to lead the Big Eight in scoring (based on per-

game average). He was the first freshman ever to accomplish that. He also ranked fifth in the conference in rushing. Not bad for a backup I-back.

Everyone expected Jones to post such numbers when he was recruited out of Omaha Central High School. As a senior at Central, he rushed for a Nebraska Class A (large schools) record of 2,210 rushing yards and 22 touchdowns. He was described by some as the best running back to come out of Nebraska since Gale Sayers, another graduate of Omaha Central.

Sayers, of course, was lured away by Kansas. Jones followed in a tradition of outstanding Nebraska I-backs from Central, beginning as far back as Joe Orduna in the late 1960s. He was the third of note to play for Osborne, beginning with Keith Jones (no relation) and including Leodis Flowers, who helped persuade Calvin Jones to become a Cornhusker.

William Reed, who coached him at Central, said Calvin Jones was "made for the I-formation, and the I-formation was made for Calvin."

He was. But Jones liked to say that there was no "I" in team, and he was nothing if not team-oriented.

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Jones scored 14 touchdowns again as a sophomore at Nebraska, sharing time with Brown in a unique combination nicknamed the "We-backs." Brown rushed for 1,011 yards on 169 carries. Jones rushed for 1,210 yards on 168 carries, an average of more than seven yards per carry.

"It was a great thing for us in terms of what we accomplished with them (sharing)," Solich said.

Jones became the first Nebraska running back to reach 2,000 career rushing yards in his sophomore season. He rushed for more yards than four Big Eight teams and scored more touchdowns than two of them in 1992.

The stage was set for him to make a run at the Heisman Trophy as a junior in 1993. Brown had become the second Cornhusker to submit his name for the NFL before completing his eligibility — Johnny Mitchell was the first — and Jones had the No. 1 I-back position to himself at last.

The cover of the 1993 Nebraska football media guide featured a full-color photograph of Jones with the notation: "A leading candidate for the Heisman Trophy, the 1992 Big Eight Offensive Player-of-the-Year, Calvin Jones returned to lead the Huskers' bid for a third straight Big Eight Conference title."

His run at the Heisman was effectively derailed early on, however. Jones suffered a knee sprain in a 76-14 victory against North Texas and missed the next two games. He would have sat out a third game, but he was allowed to "participate" by going in for one play, so that he could meet the minimum requirement for inclusion in NCAA rushing and scoring statistics.

In effect, Jones played in only seven and a half games as a junior. Nevertheless, he rushed for 1,043 yards and scored 12 touchdowns. That brought his career totals to 3,153 rushing yards and 40 touchdowns.

Jones was sidelined by a shoulder injury in the 1994 Orange Bowl loss against Florida State, his final game as a Cornhusker. After the season, he followed Mitchell and Brown in declaring for the NFL draft.

He was a third-round pick of the Los Angeles Raiders.

"What made him good was his combination of size and speed," Solich said.

Jones has yet to emerge with the Raiders. But it's only a matter of time, according to Solich. ■



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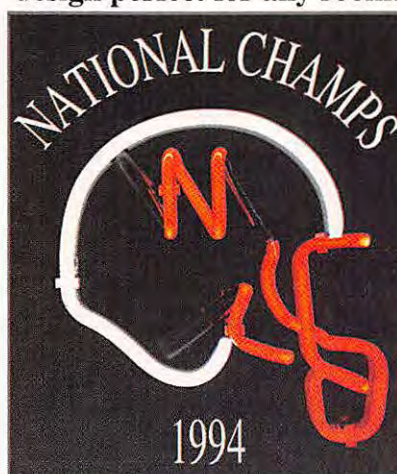
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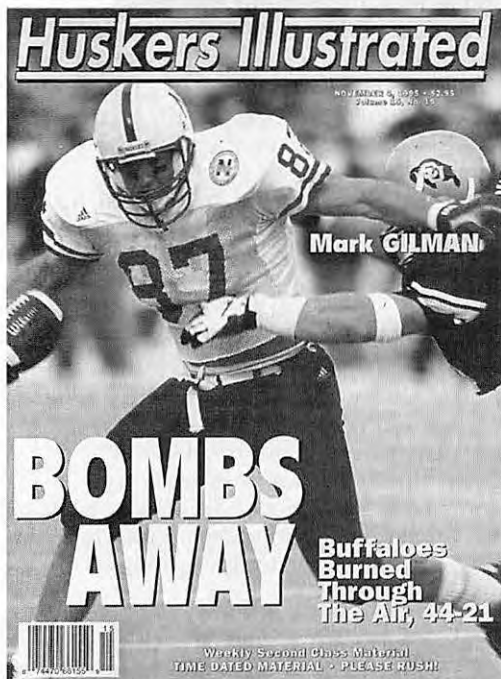
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University of Nebraska volleyball coach Terry Pettit discusses the ever-increasing fan interest in his program while sitting in the portable bleachers at the NU Coliseum, the 5,000-seat arena in Lincoln, Neb., where his Huskers play their home matches.

Pettit, in his 19th season as head coach at Nebraska, exudes the confidence of a chief executive officer of a thriving corporation, and why not? His volleyball factory is indeed clicking.

But for a moment, Pettit reflects on his early years at Nebraska, when people sat in folding chairs at Husker matches in the venerable Coliseum.

"They brought their own," Pettit says with a smile. "In the first few years, it looked kind of like one of those small animal auctions where you go someplace and they're selling roosters and sheep."

"I don't know that it had been cleaned in four or five years. It was dusty. It took six or seven minutes to get out of here just because you couldn't see. You couldn't find the exits."

Pettit is in a relaxed mood as he discusses the season.

Like everyone else associated with the program, he is excited that his second-ranked team is going to face top-ranked Stanford in a few days in the State Farm/NACWAA Volleyball Classic. It is a showcase event for college women's volleyball, pitting two of the nation's premier programs.

In a few days, the empty Coliseum where Pettit is sitting will be full and loud.

"People enjoy an environment like this, where it is intimate," Pettit said. "Plus, they know they are seeing exceptional athletes."

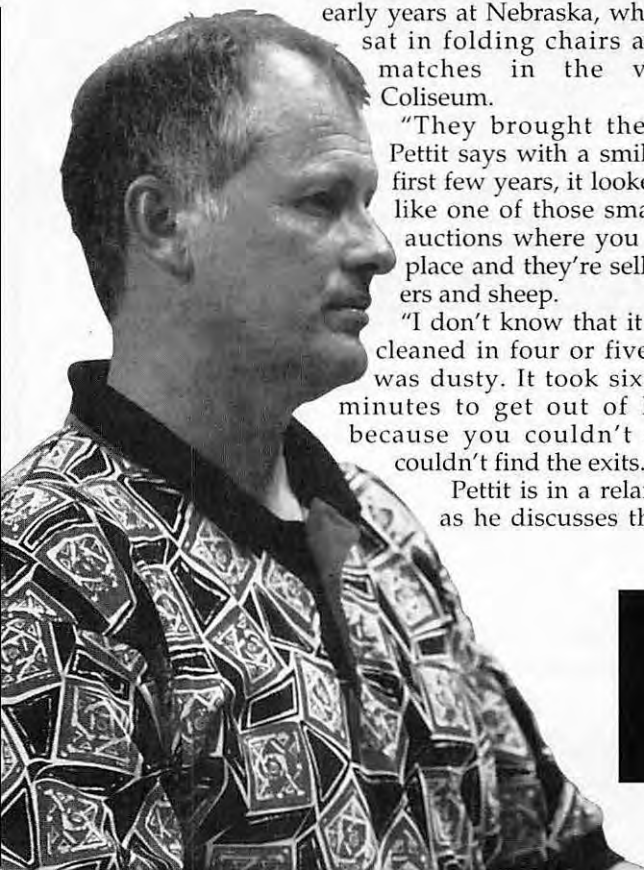
Nebraska loses to the Cardinal in four games Aug. 26 in Lincoln before a crowd of 4,074. But the Huskers soon take over the No. 1 ranking when the Cardinal drop two straight matches.

In the meantime, Nebraska has rebounded from the Stanford loss with wins over Colorado, Oklahoma, Purdue and Texas.

Just another highly successful volleyball season in Lincoln.

The success can be traced to Pettit, who took over the Husker program in 1977 after a three-year stint at Louisburg Junior College in North Carolina, where he coached volleyball and taught English Literature.

During the past 19 years, Pettit has distinguished himself as one of the finest coaches in the country — in any sport. His teams have won 17 Big Eight championships and played in two national championship matches. Many feel that this year's Husker team — led by the All-



# PACKIN'





**Title or no title,  
the interest in  
Husker volleyball  
can't be denied as  
the factory  
Pettit built  
churns out another  
winner  
by steve sipple**

American combination of setter Christy Johnson and middle blocker Allison Weston — could be the one to give Pettit his first national crown.

Pettit has guided an amazingly consistent program. During the past 13 seasons, the Huskers have never been out of the American Volleyball Coaches' Association

rankings. Every one of Pettit's teams have won at least 20 matches.

Pettit, a two-time national AVCA coach of the year, has a regular-season record against Big Eight teams that borders on obscene.

Pettit has built his program through hard work and focus. He is an intense and competitive individual. He is articulate, reflective and well-respected among his peers. He also is one of the most introspective and imaginative coaches in any sport.

Once he strapped a walkie-talkie to one of his players during practice so she could "think out loud" and he could get some insight into how she was reacting to certain situations. He wanted to determine a pattern.

In 1989, he used a Navajo Indian greeting with multiple levels of meaning in an attempt to solidify team unity. He once read "The Art of War," a military theory book translated from the Japanese.

Whatever it takes.

"If I were training someone to be a volleyball coach, it's not the first book I'd hand them," Pettit said. "It's so metaphorical, you can interpret it any way you want. But it has a lot to say about coaching."

Among the things the book says is success in battle frequently depends on the element of surprise, which, in turn, depends on imagination and creativity. It is the case regardless of the relative strength of the opposing forces. But sometimes a superior force can succeed without it.

# THE HOUSE



Usually, a lesser force can't.

"In some ways, adversity or a lack of talent forces you to be creative," Pettit said. "One of the most creative teams I've coached at Nebraska was the one we had in 1987. We graduated three All-Americans and had a young team, with really only two attackers."

Even so, the Huskers finished 30-5, losing to Illinois in the finals of the Mideast Regional. They were successful because Pettit devised creative ways to highlight the talents of the attackers, Kathi DeBoer and Virginia Stahr.

This season, Pettit isn't faced with that situation. His team is loaded with talent and experience, led by seniors Johnson, Weston and outside hitter Billie Winsett. The Huskers talk openly about the possibility of winning the national crown. At least two opposing coaches — Kansas State's Jim Moore and Oklahoma's Miles Pabst — have said Pettit's team has the tools to win it all. Pabst, in his 19th season at OU, said Pettit has never had a better team.

But Pettit, much like Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne, is more concerned with the process of achieving success than with actual titles, or talk of titles. Quite frankly,

Pettit will tell you, speculation about winning an NCAA title is nothing but a waste of time.

Title or no title, the interest in Husker volleyball is genuine and passionate. For many matches, the Coliseum cannot hold everyone who would watch. What a pleasant dilemma for a coach of a so-called "minor" sport.

A packed Coliseum isn't a new phenomenon at Nebraska. The Huskers have led the nation in attendance three of the past four seasons and in 1994 set the school's single-season record by averaging 3,531 fans per match. The Huskers soon might be outdrawing the Creighton men's basketball team, which played before an average of 4,821 fans in 13 home games last season.

"People enjoy seeing teams be successful, and this team has always been successful," Pettit said. "For 20 years, it's never not been a top-20 team."

People also appreciate the athletes' abilities, Pettit said.

"One of the things I always try to do each year is go over and watch a Nebraska indoor track meet because I know I'm going to see exceptional athletes, and I love watching great athletes. That's part of the reason

people come here. The athletes we have on our team are great athletes. Most of them could go out and compete at a high level in three sports."

Pettit has coached his share of talented players. A total of 24 AVCA All-America certificates have gone to Husker players, including three each to Janet Kruse (1989-91) and Stephanie Thater (1990-92).

In addition, Pettit has coached four U.S. national team members, one Honda-Broderick Award winner, two Big Eight Conference athletes of the year, eight Big Eight volleyball players of the year and 60 All-Big Eight picks.

Cathy Noth, a Nebraska assistant coach, and Lori Endicott were both Olympians. Noth was an alternate for the 1988 squad, and Endicott helped the United States win the bronze medal in 1992.

Pettit doesn't take his athletes for granted. On Sept. 15, when Nebraska gave Pettit his 600th career coaching victory with a win against Gonzaga, he was quick to credit his athletes.

"It means a lot for me to have had the opportunity to coach at Nebraska and have the support and type of athletes we've had," he said. "I'm more excited for our team." ■



## Great Fourth Quarter.

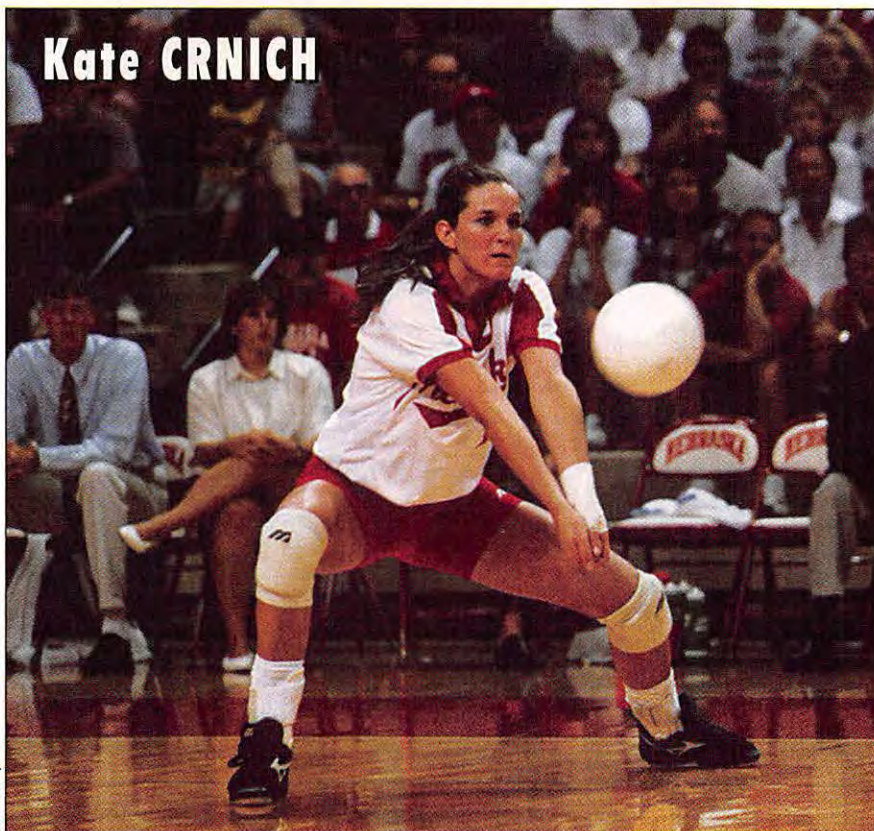
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## Kate CRNICH



Bob Berry

# Finally off the Bench

It sounds strange to hear Kate Crnich reflect on her first two seasons of volleyball at Nebraska.

Crnich played sparingly, which isn't so strange. The uncommon part is Crnich actually didn't mind watching.

Few athletes share that sentiment about warming the bench.

"I've always been excited for matches, even when I wasn't playing," said Crnich, a junior from River Forest, Ill., a suburb of Chicago. "When you're sitting the bench, you see a lot that you don't see when you're out there playing."

This season, Crnich has been a regular starter at outside hitter for top-ranked Nebraska. And make no mistake, Crnich much prefers starting to watching these days.

"I don't want to sit out anymore," she said. "Two years was enough. I was ready to play this year as an all-around player."

The 5-foot-11 Crnich has earned her coaches' and teammates' confidence, particularly with her defense. She has been among the team leaders in digging, averaging more than 2.5 digs per game.

Crnich said she has made marked improvement as a defensive player since arriving at Nebraska from Trinity High School.

"In high school, the tall girls hit and the short girls dug," she said. "So when I came here, I didn't know how to dig, but now I love it." ■

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DATE	EVENT/OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
<b>A25-26</b>	<b>State Farm-NACWAA Volleyball Classic#</b>	
A25	vs. Penn State	W, 3-0
A26	vs. Stanford	L, 1-3
Field: Nebraska, Stanford, Penn State, Cal State-Northridge		
<b>S1-2</b>	<b>Pacific Invitational\$</b>	
S1	vs. Santa Clara	W, 3-0
S2	vs. Pacific	W, 3-0
Field: Nebraska, Santa Clara, Pacific, California		
<b>S8-9</b>	<b>FirsTier Challenge#</b>	
S8	vs. Purdue	W, 3-0
S9	vs. Wisconsin	W, 3-0
Field: Nebraska, Kansas State, Wisconsin, Purdue		
<b>S15-16</b>	<b>Wyoming Invitational%</b>	
S15	vs. Gonzaga	W, 3-0
S16	vs. Georgia	W, 3-0
S16	vs. Wyoming	W, 3-0
Field: Nebraska, Gonzaga, Georgia, Wyoming		
<b>S22-23</b>	<b>Arby's Classic#</b>	
S22	vs. Baylor	W, 3-0
S23	vs. George Washington	W, 3-0
Field: Nebraska, Baylor, George Washington, Kansas		
S27	@ Colorado	W, 3-0
S30	Oklahoma	W, 3-0
O4	Kansas	W, 3-0
O7	@ Iowa State	W, 3-0
O11	@ Kansas State	W, 3-0
O14	@ Missouri	W, 3-0
O21	Colorado	W, 3-0
O25	@ Kansas	W, 3-0
O28	Iowa State	W, 3-0
N1	Kansas State	W, 3-0
N4	@ Texas	W, 3-0
N7	Notre Dame	W, 3-0
N10	@ Oklahoma	W, 3-0
N12	Florida	2:00 p.m.
N15	Missouri	7:30 p.m.
<b>N24-25</b>	<b>Big Eight Tournament^</b>	<b>TBA</b>
N24	Semifinals	
N25	Finals	
<b>N29-D16</b>	<b>NCAA Tournament*</b>	
N29	NCAA First Round*	<b>TBA</b>
D2	NCAA Second Round*	<b>TBA</b>
<b>D7-9</b>	<b>NCAA Regionals*</b>	<b>TBA</b>
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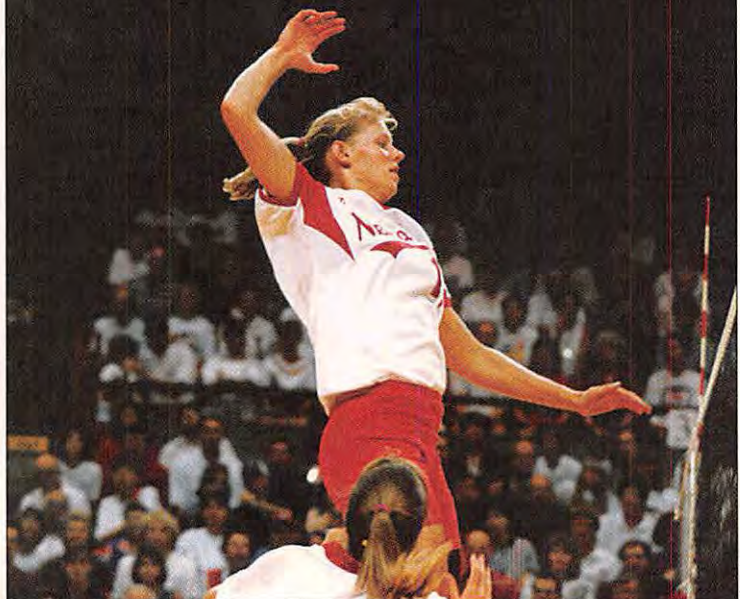
## RECRUITING UPDATE

Nebraska apparently has finalized its 1996 volleyball recruiting class, getting oral commitments from a pair of 6-foot middle blockers.

Mandy Monson of Wallace, Neb., and Katie Jahnke of West Bend, Wis., recently became the second and third players to orally commit to scholarships from Nebraska.

In August, Tonia Tauke — a 6-foot-3 middle blocker from Abraham Lincoln High School in Council Bluffs, Iowa — gave Nebraska her oral commitment. Oral commitments are non-binding. Recruits will sign official letters of intent in February. ■

## Eclipsing of a Milestone



Bob Berry

Nebraska middle hitter Allison Weston eclipsed the school record for kills in a career Oct. 21 when she slammed 12 in a three-game win against Colorado in Lincoln, Neb.

Weston, a 6-foot senior from Papillion, Neb., entered the match needing nine kills to surpass Eileen Shannon's total of 1,521. Shannon was a standout outside hitter at Nebraska from 1989 to 1992.

Weston's record-breaker came off a quick set to the middle from setter Christy Johnson that gave the Huskers a 2-1 lead in the final game. The NCAA record crowd of 11,529 at the Bob Devaney Sports Center gave the two-time All-American and national player of the year candidate a standing ovation, but the match was not stopped to recognize the honor.

"We didn't stop and hand her the ball or anything because, while it's important, it isn't our focus," Nebraska coach Terry Pettit said. "Our focus was the match. But I'm appreciative (the record was announced) and that the fans responded the way they did."

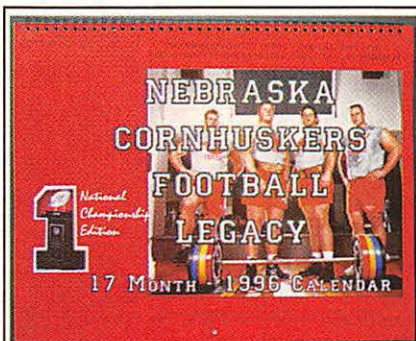
And that was fine for Weston, who was humble about the milestone after the match. She was a freshman in 1992 when Shannon set the record.

"I never dreamed in a million years I'd have a chance to break that record," Weston said. "It was great the crowd was so enthusiastic and supportive. When the season is over, I'll look back and think, 'That was great.' But we have more important things to worry about right now."

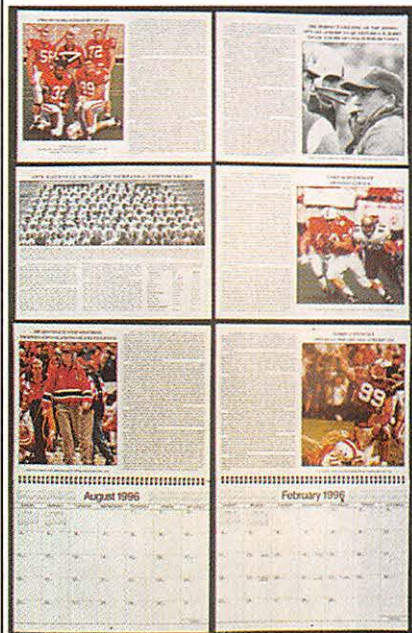
Colorado coach Brad Saindon calls Weston one of the best players he's seen on the collegiate level.

"As a coaching staff this week, we couldn't name 20 players better than her," Saindon said. "In fact, we couldn't name five who were better. She's big, strong, quick and experienced." ■





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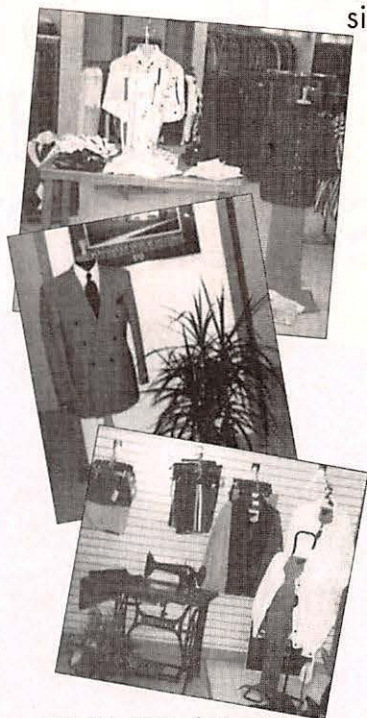
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# Double Coverage

*Nebraska might need to sign more than one safety to fill the void left by graduation*

**By JAMES HALE**

**O**ne of the lost positions in the Nebraska defense is the safety. The Nebraska defensive line and linebackers control the line of scrimmage and cause so many problems to the opposing offense that the defensive backs are rarely tested.

The Nebraska secondary is loaded with upperclassmen. The two starting safeties, Tony Veland and Mike Minter have only one year of eligibility between them.

One of the best athletes Nebraska is recruiting is **Mike Burden** (6-foot-2, 210 pounds, 4.4 40-yard dash) of Palestine, Ill.

Burden likes Nebraska because of its longtime success.

"I want to play with the best and against the best," Burden said. "You can't test yourself unless you are playing against the best. I want to play for a national title."

Burden is big enough to play outside linebacker. He also sees a lot of time on offense. He rushed for 1,000 yards and 27 touchdowns last season. Burden is more concerned about finding a quality school than

about what position he is going to play.

Nebraska is in a battle with Michigan, Ohio State, Michigan State, Wisconsin, Oklahoma and Illinois for visits. All appear to be just about even at this point and all have some advantages.

"I am still pretty open about things and I want to stay that way if I can so that I can learn as much about each program as I can," Burden said.

In California, **Jevon Bell** (6-0, 180, 4.5) of Pinole Valley is a highly regarded strong safety and cornerback. Bell is one of the top hitters on the West Coast.

"There is no better feeling in the world than to put a great hit on a running back, quarterback or receiver," Bell said. "If you hit hard in the secondary then receivers won't come in your area any more. And if they do, they will hear footsteps and stop concentrating on catching the ball."

Bell is not locked into the West Coast. He's looking at Texas, Colorado and Nebraska.

"I want to study communications and I know that Texas offers one of the top communications majors in the country," Bell said. "Nebraska



**Marcus Smith of Dallas Carter is a speedy high school cornerback who might move to safety in college.**

and Colorado have great football teams and solid academic programs. I have only set one visit to Texas, but will soon have visits set with Colorado and Nebraska."

If Bell decides to stay on the West Coast, Oregon, UCLA or Washington will land him.

**Jeremiah Pharms** (6-1, 218, 4.6) of Sacramento (Calif.) Valley is a big hitter at strong safety. Pharms has a linebacker mentality which led him to 126 tackles a year ago along with two interceptions. Pharms is having another good season and is also seeing time at tailback. He's still considering a number of schools. Colorado is out in front of USC, UCLA, Washington, California, Washington State and the Cornhuskers.

"I just love how the Huskers play football, from the first team guy to the third," Pharms said. "There is no quit in Nebraska and everybody on that football team is geared to play great football. They just play great football."

One of the top players in the Big 12 area is **Clayton Allen** (5-10, 180,

## SAFETY IN NUMBERS

Graduation will take its toll on the Nebraska secondary in the next two years. The following are safeties are considering Nebraska.

Player	Ht.	Wt.	40	Schools Under Consideration
Clayton Allen	5-10	180	4.5	.....NU, KAN, IA ST, KS ST
Jevon Bell	6-0	180	4.5	.....TEX, COL, NU, ORE, UCLA
Gary Berry	5-11	200	4.5	....OH ST, PSU, MICH, FLA, NU
Mike Burden	6-2	210	4.4	.....MICH, OH ST, MI ST, NU
Reggie Hunt	6-0	195	4.5	.....TEX, OU, ND, NU, LSU
Devon Johnson	6-3	210	4.6	.....STAN, ORE, WASH, NU
Jeremiah Pharms	6-1	218	4.6	...COL, USC, UCLA, WASH, NU
Robert Pollard	6-2	205	4.5	.....NU, OH ST, FLA, FSU, AUB
Marcus Smith	5-11	175	4.5	.....TEX, A&M, OU, NU, SMU



4.47) of Kansas City Hickman Hills. Allen is a great track athlete with times of 10.7 seconds in the 100-meter dash and 22.5 in the 200-meter dash. Allen has the Huskers out in front ahead of Kansas, Iowa State and Kansas State.

**Devon Johnson** (6-3, 210, 4.6) of Seattle O'Dea is another outstanding Western talent considering the Huskers. Johnson doubles as a wide receiver. Stanford is slightly out in front of Oregon, Washington, Nebraska and UCLA.

The Cornhuskers may have a good shot at **Robert Pollard** (6-2, 205, 4.5) of Orange Park, Fla. Through eight games Pollard has 830 yards rushing and 15 touchdowns while also making 30 tackles from his strong safety spot.

But Pollard wants to stay at running back. Nebraska is considering using him in the backfield.

"I like to run the ball and play a physical brand of defense," Pollard said. "Nebraska has me ranked very high at running back which impresses me and I know they are playing some of the best defense in the country. They are a good fit regardless what position I play."

The Huskers lead Ohio State, Florida, Florida State and Auburn.

Nebraska is looking to close ground on **Gary Berry** (5-11, 200, 4.5) of Columbus (Ohio) DeSales. Berry is a great athlete who could play a number of positions in college. But safety is his best position. Berry has already set visits with Ohio State, Penn State, Michigan and Florida and is deciding between Nebraska and Texas for the last visit.

**Reggie Hunt** (6-0, 195, 4.4) of Denison, Texas, is one of the Lone Star State's best kept secrets. Hunt said he will choose between Texas, Oklahoma, Notre Dame, Nebraska and LSU.

**Marcus Smith** (5-11, 175, 4.45) of Dallas Carter is a high school cornerback who might make the switch to safety. Smith is speedy, but a little light to play safety. If he puts on some weight, he will be a good fit at safety.

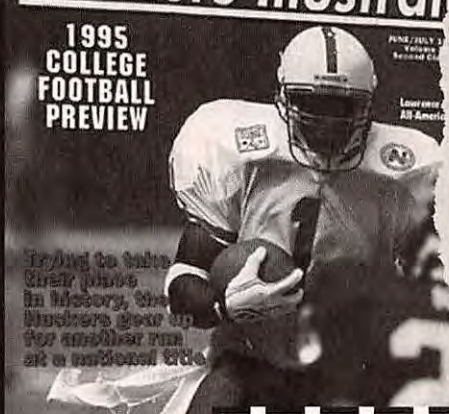
Smith is talented enough to play at some larger schools. He is interested in Texas, Texas A&M, Oklahoma and Nebraska. If he wants to play immediately, he will go to SMU.

The Huskers continue to be in a great recruiting position. Still ranked at the top in the polls, Nebraska is regarded just as highly in recruiting circles. ■

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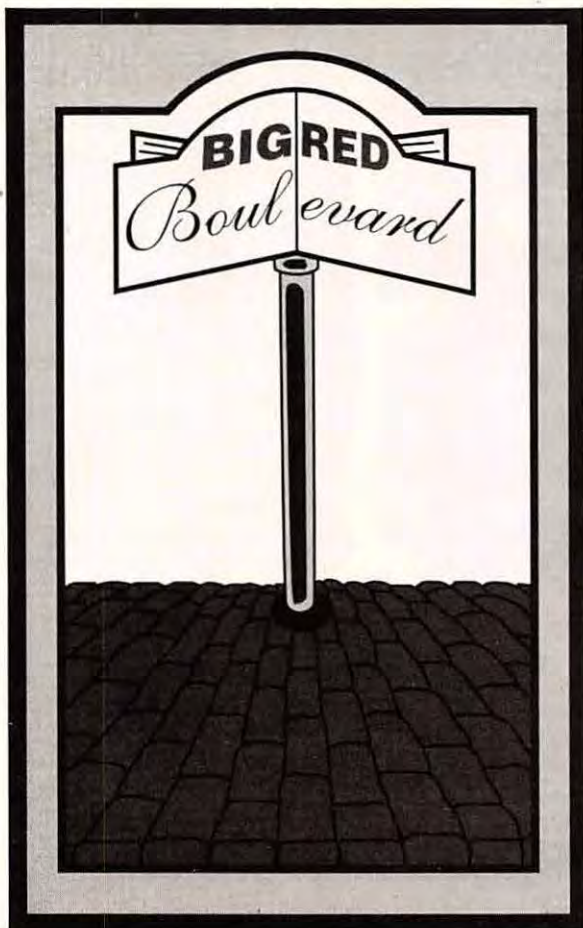
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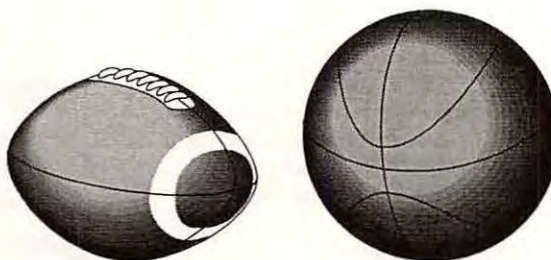
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# Individual Glory Can Wait

*Individual records are falling at a steady pace for Tommie Frazier, one of the Heisman trophy frontrunners, but another national title is the object of his desire*

**By MIKE BABCOCK**

**T**ommie Frazier was asked to evaluate his performance this season, during a news conference on the Tuesday before the Kansas game.

"Actually, I thought I'd be playing better," he said.

Frazier paused to allow his response to sink in. It produced looks of surprise among the reporters.

"Just kidding," he said.

Frazier has a sense of timing, as well as a sense of wry humor, which he doesn't often show in public.

That's why the conceit of his remark shocked those who heard it. They couldn't believe he would say such a self-centered thing, which, of course, he wouldn't, except in jest.

Frazier is the definitive team player. Individual achievements don't define him. Winning does.

So, in characteristic fashion, Frazier responded to a question about his surpassing Jerry Tagge's career record for total offense during the Cornhuskers' 41-3 victory against Kansas in Lawrence on Saturday.

The record-breaking yards came on an 11-yard pass to wingback Clester Johnson late in the third quarter.

"It's not important to me," Frazier said. Someday, probably. But not now, not while there's another national title to pursue.

Replacing Tagge at the top of Nebraska's all-time total offense list was merely a formality for Frazier, who needed only 155 yards rushing and passing to get there.

He gained the 155, with 30 to spare in leading the Cornhuskers to their 10th consecutive victory this season, and their 23rd in a row since the 18-16 loss against Florida State in the 1994 Orange Bowl game.

Frazier rushed for 99 yards on 10 carries and passed for 86 yards, completing 10 of 15 with one touchdown and one interception, his third of the



season and the first in 100 passes. Except for that, it was "pretty much a flawless performance," Cornhusker coach Tom Osborne said.

And it was accomplished despite a sore leg, which caused Frazier to limp through pre-game warm-ups, according to Osborne.

The soreness was cause for considerable concern early in the week because of the blood clot problem that sidelined Frazier much of last season. Tests eliminated those fears.

But there were new ones after the Kansas victory, when Frazier left the lockerroom with the aid of crutches

**Frazier replaced Jerry Tagge at the top of Nebraska's all-time total offense list with his nearly-flawless performance against KU.**

because of a sore foot. Nebraska definitely will benefit from its week off before the Oklahoma game.

"It's real sore," Frazier said of his foot.

Frazier was among several Cornhuskers who limped away from the Kansas game. The list also included tight end Mark Gilman, I-backs Ahman Green and Lawrence Phillips, and defensive tackle Jason Peter.

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